

Swiss extradite Khashoggi—first class, of course

BERNE, Switzerland, July 19, (AP)—Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi financier and arms dealer, was extradited to the United States today to face charges he helped hide assets that former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos and his wife allegedly plundered from their country.

Under the extradition agreement, the United States will drop racketeering and conspiracy charges against Khashoggi.

Khashoggi, escorted by two police officers, flew first-class on a Swissair plane for New York three months after he was arrested in a Bern hotel on a US warrant, said Justice Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler.

Khashoggi, the Marcoses, five other people and the California Overseas Bank in Los Angeles were indicted in October by a US district court in New York. The indictment accuses the ousted president and his wife, Imelda, of stealing more than \$100 million from the Philippine treasury to buy real estate and art in New York.

The US government says Khashoggi posed as the owner of some of the assets as a cover, according to prosecutors.

Khashoggi, 53, has been charged in the indictment with racketeering, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and mail fraud.

A Swiss Justice Ministry statement said extradition was denied for the racketeering and conspiracy charges and authorized only for those alleged offences that also are punishable under Swiss law.

The statement said Swiss law does not recognize conspiracy or the US racketeer influence and corrupt organizations act, known as RICO.

The US racketeering statute prohibits conducting an enterprise in a pattern of criminal activity, consisting of at least two specified crimes in a 10-year period. Under the statute, prosecutors can seek pretrial restraint of assets and those convicted face up to 20 years in prison.

In New York, assistant US attorney Charles Labella said Khashoggi was extradited on charges of mail fraud and obstruction of justice. Under the extradition treaty, Khashoggi will be prosecuted only on those charges.

Robert Morvillo, Khashoggi's attorney in New York, said he would ask the judge to set bail at the arraignment. Labella said the government would seek to have Khashoggi held without bail.

Khashoggi is also said to have been the main financier and middleman of the Iran-Contra affair, in which proceeds of secret US arms sales to Iran were channelled to rebels fighting the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Riots kill 5 in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 19, (Reuters)—Ethnic riots killed at least five people and wounded 14 today in the southern Pakistani town of Hyderabad before authorities imposed an Army-supervised curfew to restore peace, police said.

But residents said the death toll from gunbattles and stabbings between local Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants from India could be higher.

A spokesman for the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) described the riot as a conspiracy against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's eight-month-old government.

Today's outbreak followed four days of tension and shooting incidents in Hyderabad.

Tension had built up after ethnic riots in the nearby town of Hale, where firemen said more than 50 shops of Mohajirs were ransacked and set on fire.

Troops enforced a curfew in a Karachi slum area on July 11 after eight people were killed there in clashes between PPP supporters and ethnic Baluch settlers.

A witness in Hyderabad reached by telephone said scores of people fired guns indiscriminately and fought their rivals with daggers, iron rods, chains and batons.

Lanka issues 'terror' alert

Subversives run riot

COLOMBO, July 19, (Reuters)—The Sri Lankan government warned today of plans by subversives to kill people and explode bombs in public places after the death of 13 pilgrims in an attack at a Buddhist festival.

The government said in a statement that subversives were prepared to set off explosives in crowded buses, trains, bus terminals and railway stations "to cause death, destruction and panic to the innocent and unsuspecting public."

The warning was issued after 13 pilgrims were killed and at least 60 wounded last night in a grenade attack by suspected left-wing rebels at Kataragama, 180 km (110 miles) southeast of Colombo.

Police said two of the three grenades thrown by the rebels exploded, causing thousands of pilgrims to panic and run for safety.

Officials said many were injured in the stampede. About 10,000 people were watching a procession of elephants, dancers and drummers at the annual festival at Kataragama temple, a shrine revered by Hindus and Buddhists.

The dead included four children and the secretary of the temple's lay custodian.

Dharmadasa Banda, deputy minister for upcountry rehabilitation, was among the injured. He and 22 others were flown to Colombo for treatment.

In a separate overnight attack, three air force men were killed when a bomb exploded under their jeep in a Colombo street, witnesses told a magistrate's inquiry.

About four hours later, two police officers died in a JVP-set landmine blast in Hettipola, about 40 miles (65 km) east of Colombo, the sources said.

India's most prominent Tamil leader Muthuvel Karunanidhi, has changed his stance and backed New Delhi in the row with Sri Lanka over when Indian troops should leave the strife-torn island.

Rajiv told to resign

NEW DELHI, India, July 19, (AP)—Both houses of parliament adjourned for the day today after opposition politicians demanded Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's resignation because of a controversial arms deal.

Speaker Balam Jakkhar ended proceedings in the lower house after the opposition called for a vote of no confidence in the prime minister.

Members from Rajiv's Congress Party strongly objected when some opposition members called the prime minister a thief, the news agency said.

The call for Rajiv's resignation came a day after an audit report into the 1986 purchase of artillery guns from Sweden concluded there was lapses in the billion-dollar deal.

In the upper house, proceedings were similarly disrupted when opposition members made an identical demand. House leader Najma Heptulla also ended business for the day after the situation got out of hand, UNI said.

Both houses adjourned for a short while earlier in the day but the opposition repeated the resignation demand when the sessions resumed, it said.

Opposition leaders have vowed they will stall the proceedings every day until the prime minister steps down, the news agency said.

Opposition members said the government had lost the right to remain in office because the auditor general's report said the purchase was flawed on technical considerations and cost assessment.

The report by the auditor general's office was presented to parliament yesterday. It said the decision to award the \$1.4 billion contract to the Swedish company AB Bofors instead to the French firm Sofima because of lower costs had "doubtful validity."

The howitzer purchase has been a major scandal for the Rajiv government after allegations in 1987 that kickbacks amounting to \$50 million were paid to secure the deal.

Letters of sympathy: The author Salman Rushdie said today that despite the Iranian death sentence passed on him for blaspheming Islam in his controversial novel, The Satanic Verses, he had received letters of sympathy from Muslims around the world.

In a message passed from the home where he lives in hiding under police protection, Rushdie said he was "very glad to note that there were a number of Muslim people around the world who signed the petition on his behalf and in addition had written to him expressing their support."

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Cabinet reshuffle: President Hussain Muhammad Ershad promoted three state ministers to full ministers and appointed five new state ministers in a Bangladesh cabinet reshuffle yesterday.

The official BSS news agency said Ershad swore in Muhammad Nazim Rahman, A.B.M. Ruhul Amin Howlader and retired Lieutenant Colonel H.M.A. Ghaffar as cabinet ministers.

He appointed as state ministers Faruque Rashid Chowdhury, Mohammad Nurunnabi Chaud, Nizai Roy Chowdhury, Mohammad Kozib Ali and Mohammad Abdul Momin Mandal, BSS said. (Reuters)

Millionaire in disguise: Beggary in Egypt apparently pays more than in his real life in a bid to invest money and press reports in Cairo yesterday revealed that the death of a beggar had uncovered that he was a millionaire in disguise.

The reports said that the beggar-millionaire's body was found in a state of decay in his modest apartment after his neighbours reported a bad smell emanating from it.

Benazir's uncle robbed: Gunmen held up an uncle of Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, stealing his car and Rs200,000 (\$9,520) in cash, police said yesterday.

Ashiq Ali Bhutto was driving near the prime minister's home in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city on Tuesday when the robbers struck, they said. (Reuters)

Drug smuggler dies: An Egyptian man trying to smuggle heroin through Jordan died after he swallowed a plastic bag of the drug and it leaked inside his body, the kingdom's anti-narcotics chief said yesterday.

Col Ghaleb Zoubi said the 25-year-old man "was in a coma for five days before he died on Saturday" at Amman's Basrah Hospital. (AP)

Jaruzelski elected: The National Assembly dominated by a ruling Communist-led government coalition, elected Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski as President. Jaruzelski won the job by one vote. (See full story Page 4)

China silent on execution of 20; prominent dissidents arrested

BEIJING, July 19, (AP)—Two prominent dissidents have been arrested in China, and authorities refused to comment today on a Hong Kong newspaper report that said about 20 people were executed for joining in pro-democracy protests.

Ming Pao, a Chinese language newspaper, said the executions took place about 10 days ago. It said most of the group were members of an outlawed independent workers' union set up during the protests.

The Beijing People's High Court refused to comment on the report, as did police. Several dozen executions are known to have taken place since the protests were crushed June 3-4, but the authorities have linked only 12 to the protests. Many Chinese believe the number is far higher.

The husband of a leading journalist, Dai Qing, said yesterday she was arrested last week. He said plainclothes police came to their home during dinner, said they wanted to talk to her, searched the apartment briefly and led her away. Her husband said he had not heard from her since.

The official Xinhua news agency said a Shanghai man jailed for two years after China's last round of student protests, in 1986-87, was arrested again on the same charge of conducting "demagogical propaganda for counter-revolutionary purposes."

Yang Wei had been released from prison in January. Xinhua accused him of collecting information during the recent protests for a US-based Chinese group, the Chinese alliance for democracy, which seeks political reform and which China has condemned as reactionary.

In other developments, the Japanese embassy said Chinese police have promised a thorough investigation of an anonymous threat to kill two Japanese in China each month.

Kuwait recalls envoy to Sofia

Bulgaria violates freedom of Muslims

KUWAIT, July 19, (AP)—Kuwait recalled its Ambassador, Taleb Al Naqi, from Bulgaria today for consultations over the treatment of the Muslim Turks in that country, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced.

"The ambassador has been summoned for consultations over the sufferings of Islamic minority in Bulgaria," said the spokesman.

Kuwait is current chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference and the move underscored its protest over the forcible assimilation of Muslim Turks from Bulgaria. Some 100,000 refugees have been forced to seek refuge in Turkey.

The spokesman said: "The Islamic minority in Bulgaria has been exposed to practices encroaching on their freedom of religious expression."

He added: "Such practices aroused Islamic feelings."

Kuwait and several other Islamic countries have expressed alarm at the situation, and OIC Secretary-General Hamed Al Ghabid has visited refugee camps in Turkey.

Turkey has been lobbying for an emergency meeting of the OIC on the situation.

From last June the freedom of expression of the Muslim minority in Bulgaria has been violated by the authorities there.

Turkey, the OIC and other parties have accused the Bulgarian authorities of changing Islamic names of those Muslims, who are of Turkish origins, to Bulgarian ones.

The Bulgarian authorities have said that this step was taken on the pretext that these Muslims were of Bulgarian origin, who had converted to Islam in the 14th century, at the influence of the Ottoman empire and bringing them back to their original roots was a Bulgarian matter.

The Turkish Ambassador to Kuwait Gumer Otsek told the Arab Times that he was not entitled to make any comment on the decision taken by the Kuwait government.

"What I can say," he added, "is that we have always followed, with admiration and respect the keen and genuine interest shown by HH the Amir of Kuwait and the chairman of the OIC and the government of Kuwait towards the problems affecting the Muslim world."

"This decision is a good example for the other Islamic countries to follow and also the members of the international community."

Turkey today accused Bulgaria of spreading false rumours of an imminent top-level meeting between them on the dispute.

"Our information is that Bulgarian officials are telling foreign diplomats in Sofia, a top-level meeting to solve the dispute is imminent," Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said.

He denied such a meeting was planned.

"The Bulgarian government... wishes to downgrade the issue on the international agenda by creating unfounded hopes," Batu said.

And in Vienna, Bulgaria's official human rights committee yesterday expressed concern for the plight of the country's ethnic Turks — after they have emigrated to Turkey.



Army officers killed

The bodies of two Army officers lie slumped in their car after they were killed by unidentified assailants in Madrid, Spain, yesterday. The assailants sprayed their vehicle with machine-gun fire from another car, police said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but police said they suspected the Basque separatist group ETA.

The attack occurred the day after the government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez formally ruled out renewal of talks with ETA aimed at bringing an end to political violence that has plagued Spain for 21 years.

A police spokesman said the attack took place near the Spanish Army's Madrid regional headquarters.

The spokesman said Col. Jose Maria Martin-Pedraza and Maj. Ignacio Julio Baraguas were killed instantly. (Reuters wirephoto)

Topple Najib, Bhutto urges

KUWAIT, July 19, (Agencies)—Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto indirectly called in an interview published today for the ouster of Afghanistan's pro-Soviet leader, President Najib, saying such a move will help restore peace to the troubled Asian country.

Benazir's remarks were published by several Arab newspapers, including the daily Al-Watan.

"We feel that those who supported the Soviet invasion should quit. Their stepping down will help re-establish peace in the country," Benazir said.

Benazir said that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, a Soviet ally, agreed with her during a visit to Islamabad that "the solution in Afghanistan should be a political one that could be brought about through an interim government that enjoys support of various Afghan political and intellectual factions."

She said her government's policy on Afghanistan was different from that of the late Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq, who died last year in a plane crash.

"He used to extend support to certain groups of the mujahideen and we felt he wanted to impose his own type of government (in Afghanistan)," she said.

She called Zia's policy on Afghanistan "foolish."

Benazir commended Iran's stance toward the Afghan question.

India, Pakistan ease travel, trade

ISLAMABAD, July 19, (Reuters)—India and Pakistan agreed today to ease curbs on trade and travel to help normalise relations soured by 42 years' hostility.

Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told reporters the decisions were a real breakthrough.

Pakistan agreed to add 322 items for private sector imports from India to a present list of 249, a joint statement said.

The two sides decided to double to eight the number of towns their citizens can visit in the other country during a single trip and to exempt them from reporting to local police on visits shorter than 14 days.

"The Pakistan side announced enlargement of the list of items to be imported from India in the private sector by another 322 items under the harmonised system of classification," a joint statement said without elaboration.

India has not restricted imports from Pakistan to any list.

Annual two-way trade amounted to Rs580 million (\$29 million) for the year ending June 1988 but jumped to Rs 1.24 billion (\$62 million) in the first nine months of 1988/89, according to Indian officials.

They also agreed on a cultural programme under which they will allow the sale of each other's newspapers and magazines, provide fellowships and scholarships and promote visits by educationists.

Lebanon delays Fahd visit

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters)—Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has postponed a meeting with President George Bush because efforts by Arab leaders to mediate a settlement in Lebanon are at a sensitive stage, the White House said yesterday.

It said King Fahd telephoned Bush to request that their July 27 meeting in Washington be postponed "due to the sensitive phase of the mediation on the Lebanese situation by the heads of state committee of which the king is a member."

Bush agreed to reschedule the meeting as soon after September 1 as possible, the White House statement said.

Advisor bares plot 'Syria, Iran' target Arafat

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters)—A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation official said today that groups sheltered by Syria and Iran were planning to assassinate PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Bassam Abu Sharif, political adviser to Arafat, also accused Israel of involvement in plots to kill Palestinian leaders and said he knew specific names of Army officers involved.

But he declined to comment on a report by a US television network that radical leader Ahmed Jibril had accepted a \$122-million contract to kill the PLO chief.

"We have information that some of the groups that are protected by Syria and Iran are involved in plans to assassinate some of the Palestinian leaders, including Arafat," Abu Sharif told Reuters in London.

"They want to blow apart the Middle East peace process. All states concerned are urged to make further efforts and push the wheel forward," he said in a telephone interview.

Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, had talks in Tehran last week with other Damascus-based anti-Arafat Palestinian leaders and representative of Lebanon's pro-Iranian militant Hezbollah.

The radicals, in Tehran for ceremonies mourning the death of Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini, pledged in a statement to confront all moves towards compromise in an all-out struggle against Israel.

Western and Israeli press reports have linked Jibril with the bombing of a US airliner over Scotland last December but he denies involvement in the attack which killed 270 people.

Arafat, eager to forge closer relations with Western governments, has said the PLO would punish Jibril if it was proved he organised the attack.

Hardline Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, a former defence minister, urged Israel on Monday to "eliminate" Arafat, saying no peace was possible before this was done.

Abu Sharif met Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on Thursday in the first official meeting between a senior PLO official and a British cabinet minister.

The meeting was denounced by Israel which regards the PLO's proclaimed new policy of peaceful negotiation as a trick.

Late last night, Abu Sharif went to Queen Elizabeth's Buckingham Palace at the invitation of United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, who is staying there on a state visit.

Zayed meets Queen

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan of the UAE (left) with Queen Elizabeth in the music room in Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviet rioters attack dam

MOSCOW, July 19, (AP)—Ethnic rioters have attacked a hydroelectric dam, strafed two trains with gunfire and assaulted Interior Ministry troops to steal weapons in the Black Sea resort region of Abkhazia, officials said today.

Troops trying to restore order between warring bands of Georgians and Abkhazians fought back, confiscating 18 kilograms (40 pounds) of explosives and nearly 1,000 firearms, the Tbilisi newspaper Zarya Vostoka reported.

Also reportedly seized were a machine-gun, 147 automatic weapons and 52 firebombs. (Earlier report Page 4)

Singing career

Kuwaiti heart-throb Abdullah Ruwaisid began his singing career as a hobby, but he is now a thumping success, especially since the release of his latest album which has sold over 500,000 copies.

He sings bittersweet love songs, reaching out to thousands of teenagers who experience the lyrics in reality. (See story Page 6)

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Grand Bingo

Mr Santana Cardoz and Mr Lancy Vas won the Four Corners and Top Line Prizes respectively. They will each receive KD25. Game No. 71 continues for the First, Second and Third Full House Prizes.

'Subatomic particle' found

ALBANY, New York, July 19, (UPI) — Scientists have discovered a subatomic particle similar to a neutron that takes them a step closer toward confirming a theory explaining the basic structure of matter, a researcher said yesterday.

The particle, known as the "neutral charmed strange baryon," had been predicted as far back as 1974, but experiments conducted at the Cornell electron storage ring confirmed its existence, said Say Alan, a physics professor at the State University of New York at Albany.

A team of researchers led by Alan and Sun-Yung Albani Professor Chih-Rue Sun used the particle accelerator at Cornell University to smash electrons, which carry a negative charge, against positrons, an elementary particle with a positive charge.

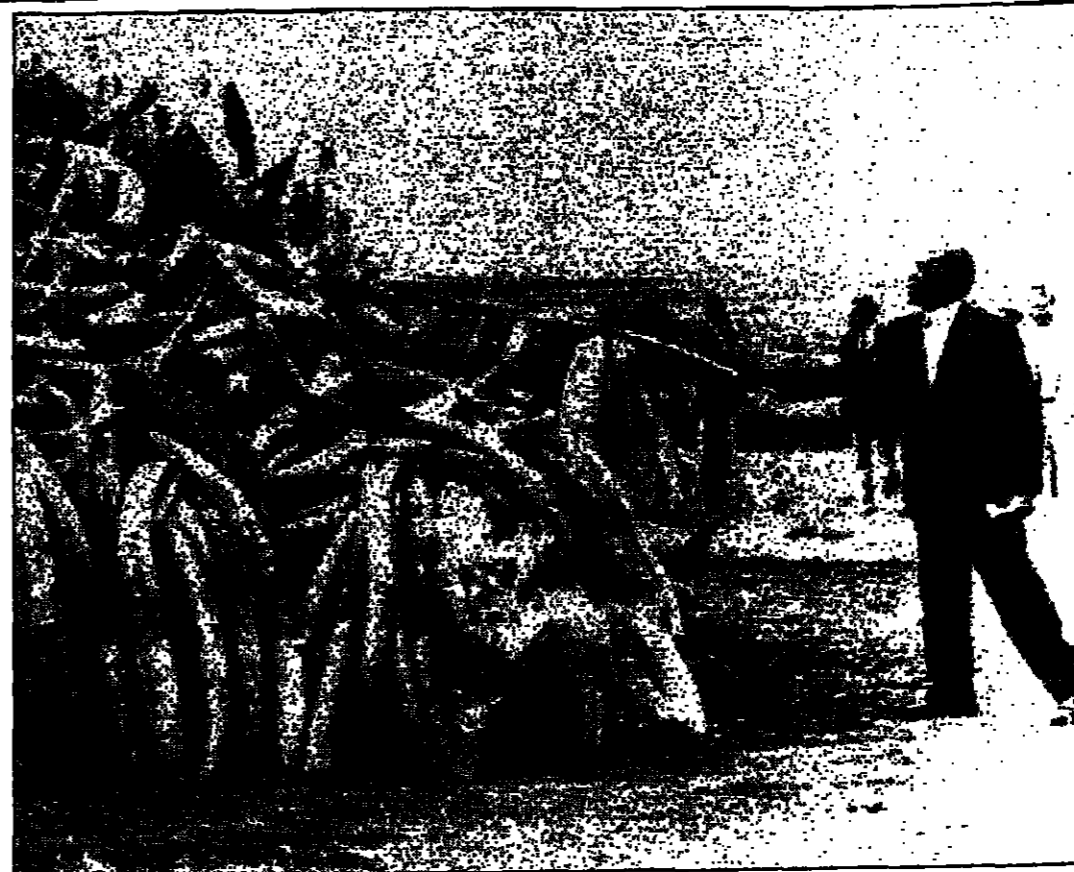
The collisions left behind clues to the nature of smaller particles that enabled the scientists to identify one of them, Alan said.

The discovery, made last year but announced only recently in physical review letters, the Journal

of the American Physical Society, nails down the existence of one more particle predicted by the generally accepted "quark" model of matter.

That model theorizes that particles dubbed quarks and leptons are the basic building blocks of the universe, composing the larger particles that serve as the constituents of atoms.

The theory predicted a slew of previously unidentified subatomic particles, many of which have been found since. The research team's discovery of yet another bolsters the model further, Alan said.



Commitment kindled

NAIROBI, July 19, (AP) — Saying "Actions speak louder than words," President Daniel Arap Moi set fire to nearly 12 metric tons of ivory yesterday to highlight Kenya's commitment to saving the African elephant from extinction.

The pyre was kindled on a hill in Nairobi National Park overlooking the vast Athi plains that are home to gazelle, rhino, giraffe, zebra, lions and other wild game.

After brief remarks to hundreds of government officials, foreign diplomats, journalists and conservationists, the President shoved a burning stick into the base of a 20-foot (6-metre) — high pile of wood weighing 60 tons. Atop the pyre were an estimated 2,500 elephant tusks.

Moi said burning the 60 million shillings (\$3 million) worth of ivory would signify Kenya's commitment to halting the trade in ivory which has fuelled a continent-

wide slaughter that threatens to wipe out Africa's elephant in 10 years.

Kenya's elephant population has dropped from 65,000 in the 1970s to about 7,000 today.

"I hope our action will help to persuade others to appreciate the urgent need to take drastic steps to halt the wanton slaughter of elephants by declining to trade in ivory and its products both within Africa and beyond," said Moi.

"Actions speak louder than words," said the President. "Kenya cannot appeal to the world to stop buying ivory if at the same time we are selling the very same commodity."

The President also announced plans to destroy 270 rhino horns Kenya had confiscated from poachers. He did not say when or how the rhino horns would be destroyed. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mercy landing

OSLO, Norway, July 19, (AP) — A compassionate airline pilot made an unscheduled mercy landing because one of his 17 passengers desperately needed a rest room, a Norwegian newspaper reported today.

The twin Otter aircraft used on some routes by the domestic airline Widerøe have no lavatories. A woman on a flight Sunday convinced the pilot that her situation was critical, the newspaper Verdens Gang said.

Summit gastronomy

PARIS, July 19, (UPI) — The 7,000 journalists and technicians who covered the Western economic summit consumed more than 20 tons of food washed down with 10,000 bottles of wine at the La Defense press centre caterers said yesterday.

The Summit Press Corps ate 21,000 free lunches and dinners and 5,400 breakfasts at the "press village" set up in the shadow of the huge ultra-modern arch on the northern outskirts of Paris built for the summit.

The total cost to the French government for feeding the scribes over the four-day event was nearly 6 million francs (\$900,000) or 850 francs (\$130) per person.

Pension benefits

SUMTER, South Carolina, July 19, (UPI) — Seventy years ago, a young woman married an ageing civil war veteran who wanted a housekeeper. Today, Daisy Cave, who believes she's about 97, is still receiving her late husband's pension benefits.

The elderly woman is the last surviving widow of a Confederate soldier in the Carolinas, and perhaps the last one in the United States. Each year, the resident of a Sumter nursing home receives a \$2,600 pension from the state.

State comptroller general Earle H. Hester said that in the 1920s, many younger women married much older civil war veterans, some for love, others for money. Either way, the women knew they would get a pension for life.

Blind pianist

LONDON, July 19, (AP) — A 9-year-old pianist who has been blind from birth made his London debut with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra last night playing jazz and popular tunes.

Derek Paravicini was cheered by the audience at the Barbican Centre attending the concert to aid a charity reaching blindness. Fight for Sight.

"A lot of blind children have a musical ear, but Derek is outstanding. He's usually talented by any standards," said the boy's music tutor, Adam Ockelford, who guided him to the piano stool and set before him, as the adult musicians stood applauding.

Tourist killed

NAIROBI, July 19, (Reuter) — Robbers shot and killed a Belgian tourist on a Kenyan coast road when he refused to hand over his car key, the Belgian Embassy said today.

The man was named as Philip Delvaux, 45, who was living in the Central African country of Rwanda, a former Belgian colony. His wife and three children were also in the car during Monday's hold-up but were unharmed.

Violent attacks have been on the increase in eastern Kenya.

Sled dog dies

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, July 19, (AP) — One of 42 sled dogs from the international trans-Antarctica expedition died of apparent heat stroke in Antarctica today, according to a spokesman on the expedition's Soviet airplane, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

The dog named Apak was found dead in his cargo bag Monday as the animals were being taken to a zoo for temporary keeping, expedition spokeswoman Cathy Saypol said. Apak, who died Monday, was one of six reserve pullers being taken as backups to the expedition's 36 first-string sled dogs.

"The other 41 dogs were moved to a zoo in Havana and are doing fine," said Saypol, who spoke with expedition organizer Will Steger.

Galloping glacier

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 19, (AP) — Alaska's famous galloping glacier is on the move again, sliding along a steady clip that threatens to turn a large salt-water fjord into a lake in an encore performance of its 1986 show, US officials said yesterday.

Hubbard glacier near the town of Yakutat has resumed the speedy movement that caused it to seal off a fjord three years ago, trapping sea mammals and capturing widespread attention before the ice dam it formed dramatically collapsed.

The surging river of ice shifted into high gear again this summer and began forging ahead at more than 5 feet per day, closing the gap between the glacier's advancing face and the land at Giffert point, according to the US Geological Survey and the US Forest Service.

Rhino

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, July 19, (UPI) — Two black rhinos from Zimbabwe arrived in Milwaukee yesterday as part of a captive breeding programme to prevent the endangered species from becoming extinct.

Milwaukee County zoo spokeswoman Laura Pedriani said the male and female rhino each weigh about 2,000 pounds (1,180 kg) and stand about five feet (1.5 m) tall at the shoulders.

Karajan's successor

BERLIN, July 19, (AP) — The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will wait until October to begin searching for a successor to maestro Herbert von Karajan, and one critic suggested the process could take years.

Karajan, conductor of the philharmonic for 34 years, died Sunday. He was 81. He was buried Monday night in a small ceremony in his hometown near Salzburg, Austria.

Floating cocaine attracts crowds

CRYSTAL BEACH, Texas, July 19, (AP) — High tide has a new meaning these days along Texas' Gulf coast.

Dozens of bundles of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$5 million have washed up along more than 200 miles (321 kilometres) of coast during the past three weeks, attracting a new breed of beachcomber to the area's tiny fishing and resort towns.

"Everybody's talking about it and I think everybody's looking for it," said Herb Knowles, who works at the Dirty Pelican Pier in Crystal Beach, about 30 miles (48 kilometres) east of Galveston. "Guys on the weekend are out here at night on three-wheeled vehicles with big spotlights on the beach."

"You tell me what they're looking for."

The first discovery occurred June 28 when five packages weighing a total of about 14.5 pounds (6.5 kilograms) were found in the sand on Matagorda Island, about 100 miles (160 kilometres) southwest of Houston.

A week and a half later, five bundles totalling about 78 pounds (35 kilograms) washed ashore on the Bolivar peninsula across from Galveston, and 19 bundles weighing about 81 pounds (37 kilograms) were discovered by the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department.

The latest find occurred Thursday when six men fishing about 10 miles (16 kilometres) off Galveston found 25 bundles with 83 pounds (38 kilograms) of cocaine floating in the Gulf of Mexico.

Altogether, 61 packages containing 261 pounds (118 kilograms) of 98 per cent pure, uncut cocaine have been discovered by authorities or turned in to them.

"It all has the same markings, which leads us to believe it's from the same load," said James E. Caldwell, supervisory special agent for the US Customs Service in Galveston.

Marine biologists have estimated the cocaine was in the water from three weeks to a couple of months. It was bundled in watertight packages of five bricks, each wrapped in fibreglass resin and duct tape and then tied together with yellow plastic rope.

Each brick was marked with the word "Castro" and the designation "T-5." On some of the bricks also is written "USA 2."

The drugs probably came from Colombia, Caldwell said.

"It could have been from a ship that went down. It could have been an air drop. They could have tied it off with floats," he said.

Officials have speculated that a drug boat may have been wrecked during tropical storm Allison last month, dumping the contraband in the Gulf.

Galveston county sheriff Joe Max Taylor said these are the first instances of cocaine washing ashore in Texas, although bales of marijuana have washed up in the past.

In Texas, the Coast Guard and some sheriff's departments made special cocaine sweeps last week along miles (kilometres) of desolate beach, but most of the search now is confined to routine patrols.

Cuba asked to act

A federal official says the United States wants decisive action by Cuba against drug-smuggling, as that country makes overtures for a joint anti-drug campaign, including a reported meeting with a State Department official.

Word of the meeting between a top Cuban diplomat and Michael Kozak, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, came yesterday from Congressman Charles Rangel.



Public wake

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed Cuban poet Nicolas Guillen was buried with military honours in Havana today and remembered as man who "knew how to raise up the black voice," the official Cuban news agency said.

Prensa Latina, monitored in Mexico City, said thousands of Cubans had filed past his body Monday during a public wake near the Jose Marti monument in Havana's downtown plaza of the revolution.

Guillen died Sunday at the age of 87 after a period of deteriorating health. Prensa Latina reported that Cuban Culture Minister Armando Hart, who delivered the eulogy yesterday, said Guillen's poetry "was born from the depths of the nation's sensitivity, and transformed itself into one of the most beautiful voices in prose in this age."

Picture shows thousands of Cubans crowded streets in Havana to watch the remains of Guillen. (Reuter wirephoto)

Prisoners lived sumptuous life

Two took up space for 250

MEXICO CITY, July 19, (AP) — Two jailed Mexican drug kingpins and about 50 friends and associates lived until recently in lavishly decorated quarters in an overcrowded city prison, taking up enough space for 250 inmates, the city prisons director said.

The official, Alfonso Cabrera Morales, said yesterday that authorities confiscated seven guns from Rafael Caro Quintero and \$109,000 in cash and an undetermined amount in jewels from Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo when the two were transferred to maximum security quarters recently.

They are among those charged in the 1985 kidnap-murder of US narcotics agent Enrique Camarena.

Television film of their sumptuous residences in the northern prison showed kitchens, elaborately decorated living rooms and bedrooms, a pool table, a large aquarium, television and video-cassette equipment, a closet of stacks of Caro Quintero's western hats and numerous pairs of boots and large supply of medicines. One of the rooms had a fireplace, but it was not clear if it functioned.

Reporters who visited the quarters yesterday said they were equipped with air-conditioning, had telephone and radio communication, fighting cocks, sets of porcelain dishes, fruit trees, gardens and Turkish baths. Caro Quintero's wardrobe included 35 silk shirts, the Excelsior News Service said.

A maroon silk bathrobe hung in his marble bathroom, Excelsior said.

Cabrera Morales, who became prisons director four months ago, said their plush life style was uncovered during an investigation of prison corruption.

"It was an unjust situation," he said.

Each of the men, with five others accused in the case with him, was occupying a dormitory designed for 125 inmates, he said.

"It's important to establish, and it is true, that another group of 20 people who were not inmates, among them women, children, assistants and all kinds of visitors there could be, were living with them," he said of Caro Quintero's group.

Fonseca also had 15 to 20 friends and relatives with him, he said.

The official said complaints were filed against the two yesterday with the attorney-general's office, he said.

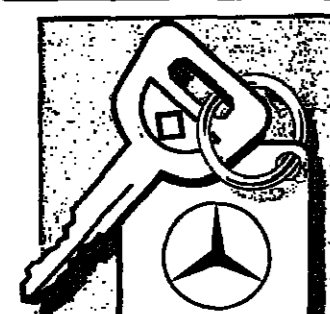
He blamed corruption in the prison system for the privileges.

A prison guard makes \$143 a month and a guard supervisor \$160, he said. An investigation also found a lack of training, he said.

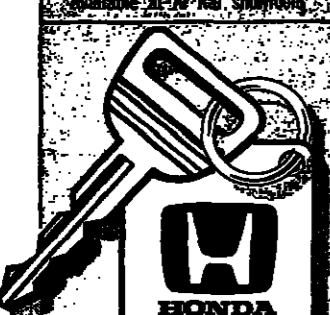
Because "it was unfair to continue having a large number of cells used by so few people," in May, Caro Quintero and the five inmates with him were transferred to a maximum security section of the southern prison while work was completed on the northern prison's maximum security area, the prisons director said.

It was then that the weapons were found, he said.

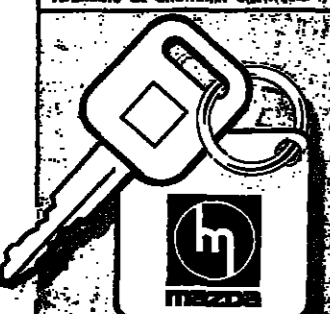
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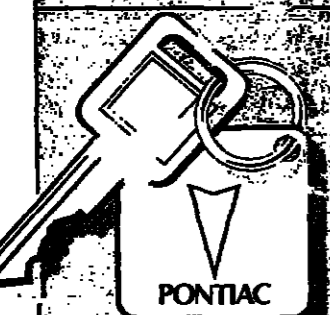
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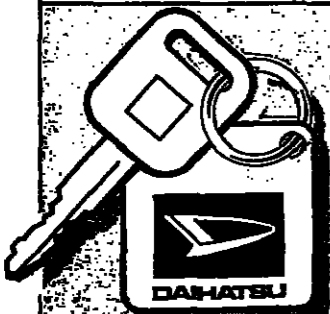
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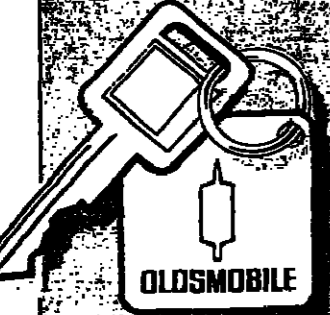
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Men over 50 benefit from regular aspirin: study

BOSTON, July 19, (AP) — Regular doses of aspirin cut older men's risk of heart attacks in half, and the effects are especially striking in those who already have low cholesterol levels, researchers reported.

Although the study found that aspirin is effective in men older than 50, it turned up no evidence that it helps younger men.

A preliminary version of the research was widely publicised 1-1/2 years ago when it showed a dramatic reduction in heart attacks among healthy men who took an aspirin every

other day.

The research, called the physicians' health study, was directed by Dr Charles H. Hennekens of Brigham and women's hospital in Boston and is to be published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

While those at all cholesterol levels seemed to benefit from aspirin, the effects were greatest in those with total cholesterol below 160.

Overall, the study found that men who took a single aspirin every other day had a 44 per

cent reduction in their risk of heart attacks. The benefits were limited to those older than age 50, who cut their risk about in half.

"We have a clear-cut, conclusive benefit on reducing a first heart attack," said Hennekens.

He said people should not start taking regular aspirin without first consulting a doctor. In helping make a decision, doctors should consider their patient's other risk factors, such as blood pressure, cholesterol level and family history of heart disease.

Men over 50 benefit from regular aspirin: study

Quayle yesterday hinted at a bold proposal. In a speech in San Diego, he said the administration was moving forward to put the pieces in place for another great leap forward in space.

He said the nation "must begin to think about the voyage of a new Mayflower — about expanding the human presence into the solar system — as a long-term goal."

The only specifics Quayle mentioned were continued White House backing for three projects already announced — space station Freedom, a new earth observation satellite, and the national aerospace plane.

He said that by the year 2000 the nation "must be on our way to pioneering the solar system

and establishing outposts on the Moon and Mars."

Space boosters want Bush to issue a call reminiscent of President John F. Kennedy's 1961 challenge to the nation to land a man on the Moon by the end of the decade.

White House officials preparing Bush's message on space tomorrow asked for extensive briefings on a NASA plan called "mission to planet Earth," a proposal for an intense environmental study of the planet from space, sources said.

"There was talk that by supporting the mission to planet Earth the President could help his image as the environmental president," a source said.

Pilot's story found implausible

Root suspected of running guns and drugs

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, July 19 (AP) — The local police chief says he doesn't believe Thomas Root's story about what happened when he became unconscious while his plane flew on autopilot 800 miles (1,287 kilometres) to the Bahamas, where it crashed.

A gun manufacturer also said yesterday there was no way Root's revolver could have discharged accidentally when his plane crashed into Bahamian waters after his dramatic autopilot last week.

"Absolutely not. It can't happen," Dick Bachmann, Smith and Wesson vice-president, said from Springfield, Massachusetts. The gun's safety mechanism would make such a firing impossible, he said.

Federal investigators have said the 36-year-old attorney's claim that he doesn't remember a gunshot is the major inconsistency in his version of the flight of his single-engine Cessna, crash and rescue at sea Thursday.

The group took action because of the discovery of 35 guns and five gallons of ether, a chemical that can be used to process cocaine, during an April 24 search of the hangar where Root stored his plane, said Emil Manara, a special agent with the US Office of National Drug Policy.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: With Batmania weeping Gotham City and the nation, villains have been pining for the caped crusader's logo and cranking out thousands of phony T-shirts, masks and other bogus bat items.

But Warner Bros., promoters, federal authorities — and perhaps even the caped crusader himself — are warning bad guys to cease and desist because they're cracking down on counterfeiters.

Standing before scores of boxes containing about 38,000 of the 40,000 T-shirts, hats and other bat goods seized so far, Warner officials announced the result of their nationwide legal action.

"What we're talking about is stealing and my mother taught me stealing is wrong," said J. Joseph Bainton, a partner in the prestigious Shea & Gould law firm who is spearheading the Warner enforcement effort. (UPI)

LINCOLN, Nebraska: Lincoln Community Corrections Centre authorities are investigating a credit card scam in which prisoners ran up long-distance phone bills of nearly \$7,000 in April and May.

Superintendent Dave Avery said Tuesday the investigation began after the state received a 26-page bill for \$3,500 in long-distance phone calls charged to a state credit card from pay phones at the centre.

It was later discovered that inmates also had made calls on the credit cards. Avery said. About 1,700 calls were made with individuals running up bills ranging from 89 cents to \$750. (UPI)

AUSTIN, Texas: Determination and a penchant for chocolate-chip cookies paid off for Carolyn Goldston, who got her 25th wedding anniversary mentioned in the nationally syndicated comic strip Pogo.

Goldston began a letter-and-cookie campaign nearly months ago to get the Goldston name drawn on the comic character's boat as a special anniversary message to her husband Don.

In Monday's strip, Pogo and Porky Pines were lying in their boat talking about the weather. On the side of the boat were the words, "A sliver for the Goldstons," and the next frame showed the names "Carolyn and Don."

"First she wrote a very funny letter, and said she'd send cookies," Pogo told Porky. "We asked what kind, and we proceeded to get about 10 pounds of chocolate chip."

Carolyn Goldston said that in her letters to Doyle and artist Neal Steinkamp, she used insider jokes and references that only a dedicated fan would recognize.

"By what I wrote, they knew that I was a serious fanatic," she said. (UPI)

MASSACHUSETTS: Cher is going back to Massachusetts to make another movie. This fall she heads to the coastal town of Reckford for "Mermaids," the story of a free-spirited mother, with Winona Ryder of "Great Balls of Fire" playing her daughter. Cher's last film in Massachusetts was "The Witches of Eastwick."

St. George's, music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will open the Salzburg festival's 1989 season next week in place of Herbert von Karajan, who died Sunday ... country music star Lee Greenwood will be singing his Republican favourite "God Bless the USA" Thursday when President Bush hosts a barbecue on the White House lawn to mark the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing.

A Greenwood spokesman said the audience will include astronauts, cabinet members and members of Congress. (UPI)

FORT WORTH, Texas: Pianist Van Cliburn was showered with acclaim for his three concerts in the Soviet Union, but says the highlight of his trip was receiving a degree from the Moscow conservatory.

In the future, I will be inextricably tied to the conservatory, said Cliburn, 55, who returned home to Fort Worth on Saturday after the concerts July 2 and 3 in Moscow and July 9 in Leningrad.

The degree of Master of Fine Arts was awarded in a private ceremony in the conservatory's small concert hall. (AP)

Navy blames Iowa blast on homosexual sailor

WASHINGTON, July 19 (Reuters): A US Navy investigation has indicated that a spurned homosexual sailor intent on suicide may have caused the explosion in a gun turret on board the battleship Iowa that killed 47 men, according to US media reports.

The unpublished Navy probe found indications that a distraught gunner's mate, Clayton Hartwig, may have blown up the turret on April 19 after his homosexual advances were rebuffed by another crewman, according to the reports.

The Navy refused to comment today on an NBC television report that cited unnamed Navy sources and on a New York Times report quoting unidentified government officials.

Shed a tear for better health

BOSTON, July 19 (UPI): Big boys may not cry very often, but maybe they should.

Some researchers believe that in addition to providing an emotional release, crying may be healthy for physical reasons.

"When people talk about crying it out, they may literally be doing just that," said William Frey II, director of the Ramsey Dry Eye and Tear Research Centre in St Paul, Minnesota.

Frey, a biochemist and author of "Crying: The mystery of tears," has a theory that crying was programmed into humans by evolution to serve a specific physiological function: to help rid the body of harmful chemicals produced by stress.

"Tears are excretions. All the other excretions are involved in removing undesirable materials from the body. So it makes sense that tears also play that role," said Frey.

"When people say they feel sad, what do they mean? Their body feels different. There's undoubtedly some chemical balance in the body which reflects that condition," he said.

"When we say we feel sad, that's a way of describing the chemistry of our body at that point. If the difference is we've produced certain substances, and then the body responds by kicking in a system that removes that substance, then obviously that system is important. That's basically the general theory I'm suggesting," he said.

Frey stressed that his theory is just that — a theory — and that it is far from proven. But Frey said he has conducted a series of studies that support the hypothesis. He also argues that he thinks it makes sense.

"We know that emotional tears or crying tears is unique to the human being. No other animal does it," said Frey, arguing that crying is therefore an advanced function programmed in by evolution.



Film festival

The film "The Icicle Thief" by Italian director Maurizio Nichetti was named best movie on Tuesday at the 18th International Film Festival in Moscow, Tass reported.

The award, named the Gold Georgy, was given by a jury headed by Polish director Andrzej Wajda, the official news agency reported.

More than 20 films were entered in the competition, which began last week.

Receiving a special silver award was the Soviet film "Museum Visitor" by director Konstantin Lopushansky, Tass said.

The best male actor, receiving a Bronze Georgy, was the Finnish actor Turo Pajala, who appeared in "Anneli," directed by Aka Kaunismäke.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

2 sentenced

CASCAIS, Portugal, July 19. (Reuters): Two Portuguese men were given stiff sentences yesterday for involvement in the murder of a leading Mozambican rebel last year.

A court in Cascais, west of Lisbon, sentenced Alexandre Chagas to 18 years' jail for killing Ego Fernandes, prominent member of the rightwing Mozambican National Resistance (MNR), and for carrying an illegal weapon.

Joao Messias was jailed for 8-12 years as an accomplice for possessing an illegal weapon.

Oil tank ruptures

LINDEN, New Jersey, July 19. (AP): An unsealed tunnel leading from a storage tank leaked up to 640,000 gallons of oil yesterday and nearly 30 gallons spilled into a waterway that leads to the Atlantic Ocean, officials said.

"It wasn't sealed and why it wasn't sealed is something we are looking into," said Coast Guard Capt. Robert C. North.

Between 420,000 and 640,000 gallons of oil poured from the tank but most of it was contained on land by a system of earthen dikes, said the Coast Guard and the State Department of Environmental Protection.

Dress rehearsal

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 19. (AP): Five astronauts boarded the space shuttle Columbia yesterday to wrap up a two-day dress rehearsal of next month's planned launch that turned up no significant problems, space officials said.

The test allowed shuttle workers to check the shuttle's electrical system at the launch pad and gave Columbia's crew a chance to interact with flight controllers at the Kennedy Space Centre and at mission control at the Johnson Space Centre in Texas.

Port call

WASHINGTON, July 19. (Reuters): Three US warships will visit the Soviet Black Sea Port of Sevastopol on August 4-8 in another step to promote better relations between superpower military forces, the Defense Department said yesterday.

The reciprocal calls will be the first in 14 years by warships of the two nations to each other's ports.

The cruise ship *Belafonte* and the frigate *Kauffman* with 1,200 sailors will follow a similar visit by three Soviet warships to Norfolk, Virginia, beginning on Friday.

Army dispatched

SAN SALVADOR, July 19. (UPI): President Alfredo Guevara dispatched Army patrols to the campus of the University of El Salvador yesterday, a day after eight students were wounded in clashes with soldiers.

Cristiani said troops would be stationed indefinitely at the San Salvador campus, which the government considers a hotbed for activities of the guerrilla Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, known by its Spanish acronym FMLN.

Soldiers missing
LIMA, July 19. (UPI): An Army general has confirmed 31 soldiers missing in the Peruvian jungle are presumed to have been killed by communist guerrillas, news reports said yesterday.

Gen. Alberto Arciniega Hubby, chief of security for the northeast section of Peru, said the missing soldiers were believed killed by guerrillas in the San Martin area, but he declined to give more details.

The general revealed the disappearances Monday night to reporters in the city of Iquitos, apparently responding to a demand by the communist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Icing caused crash
OTTAWA, July 19. (UPI): An independent review confirmed icing caused a chartered jet carrying 248 US soldiers and eight crew members to crash in Newfoundland three years ago, killing all aboard, the Globe and Mail newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper said former Supreme Court Judge Willard Estey's review of the investigation found there was no need to further probe the Dec 12, 1985, crash.

Chemical leak
CUXHAVEN, West Germany, July 19. (UPI): Crew members of a Dutch freighter were asked to be hospitalized in West Germany for observation after they noticed a leak in the shipment of highly toxic and explosive chemicals, an official spokesman said today.

He said a team of experts was on its way to the 1,599-ton "Oceanic" to assess the extent of the leak and its potential danger to the environment and residents along the shore of the Helgoland Bay, in northern Germany.

UN to assess needs
GENEVA, July 19. (Reuters): A team of United Nations relief experts flew to Senegal yesterday to assess the needs of tens of thousands of people who fled ethnic violence in neighbouring Mauritania, a UN spokesman said.

They will co-ordinate the efforts of the eight UN agencies they represent in assisting those in Senegal who were uprooted in the turmoil which began in April and ended up with the deaths of hundreds of people.

Hunger strike
PARIS, July 19. (UPI): Two Frenchmen vowed yesterday to continue an 18-day hunger strike at Orly Airport until 83 Romanian children who were adopted by 75 French families are released from Romania.

The two, Philippe Chabon, 34, a railroad employee, and Remy Gogolou, 41, an electricity company worker, started their protest on the second floor of the Orly Sud terminal July 1 to obtain visas for the children, including two they say they adopted themselves.

Witnesses say the men have lost 22 pounds (10 kg) since they began their fast.

Jaruzelski elected President of Poland

Walesa urges further democratic reforms

WARSAW, July 19. (Reuters): Poland's National Assembly today elected General Wojciech Jaruzelski President by a margin of one vote.

Jaruzelski received 270 votes — one more than the required majority of 50 per cent plus one of the valid votes cast in the 559-member assembly.

Jaruzelski needed 269 votes out of the 537 valid votes cast to win the election, in which he was the only candidate.

Applause broke out in the ranks of Jaruzelski's Communist Party after an official read out the result. But whistles of disapproval were also heard and some

communist leaders looked upset and worried by the narrow win.

Some 233 members voted against Jaruzelski and 34 abstained. Most of the dissenters were believed to be members of the Solidarity opposition movement.

Solidarity's Parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek told the assembly before the vote that its members were free to vote as they wished but Solidarity could not forget Jaruzelski's imposition of martial law in 1981 to suppress the free trade union.

Communist floor leader Marian Orzechowski presented Jaruzelski as the par-

ty's candidate saying: "He is an outstanding Pole and a brave soldier... he will be president of all the Poles."

Geremek replied that the election was not free and democratic because Solidarity was unable to present a candidate under a political agreement with the communists.

Jaruzelski was elected after a marathon six-and-a-half hour session including lengthy procedural wrangles and nine separate votes in Poland's most democratic presidential election since 1922.

The 66-year-old general is viewed by

many politicians at home and by some foreign leaders as the best man to guarantee stability in the powerful new post as Poland continues rapid political and economic liberalisation.

He was immediately congratulated by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa who noted, however, that many Poles would not be happy at his election.

"Please accept my congratulations," Walesa said in a letter to Jaruzelski read out to reporters by Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz.

But he added: "I wish for you and Poland that the President is elected next

time by the vote of all the Poles."

In a separate public statement, Walesa urged Jaruzelski to use his new post to press on with the rapid democratic reform process he began last year.

"We are aware that this election may not be liked by the majority of Polish society," Walesa said.

"We hope the President will take advantage of his post to continue and speed up the reforms in the country."

Earlier Orzechowski assured the National Assembly that Jaruzelski was "a declared supporter of national reconciliation."

Rioting gangs seize weapons

Clashes in Georgia still going on

MOSCOW, July 19. (Reuters): Rioting gangs have seized weapons from police and troops in the Black Sea region of Abkhazia where 18 people have died in five days of ethnic violence, the official news agency Tass said today.

It quoted Interior Ministry officials as saying that clashes between Abkhazians and Georgians were still going on despite a state of emergency and the presence of more than 3,000 troops.

"There are reports of organised armed groups in cars attacking Interior Ministry troops. In some cases groups of more than 100 people are involved," Tass said.

"Attacks on individual citizens and security forces with the aim of seizing firearms and ammunition are commonplace."

'Gorbachev for early congress'

MOSCOW, July 19. (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev suggested yesterday that a Congress of the Communist Party scheduled for 1991 be moved up to next year, giving him a chance to weed out more old-timers from the organisation.

The official news agency Tass said Gorbachev proposed in a meeting with Communist Party chiefs from the 15 Soviet republics and from territorial and regional party committees that the 28th Communist Party Congress be held in the fall of 1990.

He rejected calls to hold an emergency Congress session in addition to the one scheduled for 1991 because so many major political events are already on the calendar. He listed a meeting of the party's policy-making central committee, the second session of the New Soviet parliament — the Congress of people's deputies — and republic and local elections.

The central committee meeting is expected to be held this summer, the Congress of people's deputies session in October and the elections in the spring.

Despite the arrest of IRA men

Europe on alert

PARIS, July 19. (Reuters): West European police say that by arresting five suspected guerrillas they have scored a major victory in their bid to prevent a summer of Irish Republican Army (IRA) violence.

But they remain on the alert for a bombing onslaught following the provisional IRA's pledge of a "long, bloody summer" to mark the August 1969 entry of British troops into Northern Ireland.

"There's a general feeling that they are going for a big attack to mark the anniversary," British security sources said.

The troops were sent in to quell sectarian violence between British loyalist and Irish nationalist militants. The IRA demands the withdrawal of Britain from Northern Ireland.

Three suspected IRA fighters believed by Western intelligence services to have attacked British

targets in West Germany were charged in Paris yesterday with having links with a terrorist organisation.

One of the three, 45-year-old Patrick Murray, is thought by British police to be a seasoned IRA guerrilla wanted for several attacks.

A Western intelligence source in Paris said he was sought by police investigating the 1984 bombing of the Grand Hotel in Brighton, southern England, during the annual conference of the ruling Conservative Party, in which five people were killed.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher narrowly escaped death.

British and Irish security sources believe as many as 20 "sleepers" — guerrillas ordered to lie low for months or years before being activated — may be scattered around Western Europe preparing for action this summer.

'Soviets will keep getting rid of relics'

WASHINGTON, July 19. (AP): The authors of a new book boast that they have compiled the definitive guide to the Soviet nuclear structure and say the Red Army's arsenal should dwindle by attrition.

"They are and will continue in the future to get rid of their relics, just as we did," Robert S. Norris, one of four authors of "Soviet nuclear weapons," said in an interview yesterday. "They are 40 per cent larger than we are and at first glance that's alarming, but look at why, and there's less concern."

The book released yesterday is a slick, oversized red-covered paperback. It claims the Soviet arsenal grew because of "the perception of how to achieve national security, the advancement of certain foreign policy goals, the desire for recognition as a superpower, domestic political struggles, bureaucratic

inertia and military service rivalry."

Considering Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's doctrine of "necessary defensive sufficiency," however, the arsenal must likely peaked and should begin to decline, the book says.

"Soviet nuclear forces are following the US pattern of the past 10 to 20 years: certain military missions that once used nuclear weapons began to be phased out," a statement about the book said. "The weapon was either not replaced, or replaced with a conventional system."

But William M. Arkin, one of the co-authors, warns, "one should not confuse technical obsolescence with real decisions to remove weapons."

Arkin points out that much of the arsenals of both the United States and the Soviet Union are not included in any arms control negotiations.

Queen gets death threat

STOCKHOLM, July 19. (Reuters): Swedish police said today they had stepped up security at the royal summer palace of Soliden after Queen Silvia received a death threat from a right-wing fascist group.

A spokesman said the security measures were taken after a member of the group contacted a local newspaper and threatened to kill the queen.

The queen was quoted as saying the group, the Blue Yellow Brigade, wanted to "blow up the queen" because she is an immigrant.

Queen Silvia was born a West German commoner and grew up in Brazil. She met King Carl Gustav in 1972 at the Munich Olympics where she was a guide. The couple married four years later.

Last Sunday, a mental patient broke into the royal couple's palace of Drottningholm outside Stockholm where he smashed many valuable art objects before being arrested.

Greeks launch 12-man probe

ATHENS, July 19. (UPI): The Greek parliament voted early today to set up a 12-member commission to investigate former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu's links to a \$230 million financial scandal in the Bank of Crete.

The house also voted for the same commission to investigate the links of four of Papandreu's cabinet ministers to the so-called Kokotas scandal, which rocked Greece for eight months before the June 18 general elections.

In secret balloting in the early hours of the morning, after two days of heated debate, the 300-member house voted 171 in favour of, and 121 against, setting up the 12-member commission to probe Papandreu's links to the scandal.

A separate vote was taken on each of the four former ministers. Papandreu, whose Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement, PASOK, lost the June 18 general elections, was not present in parliament during the debate or the vote. A total of 296 votes were cast in each of four cases, and 295 in the fifth case.

Others named in the probe were former deputy premier George Koutsogiorgas... (282 for, 9 against), and former transport and communications minister George Petros (276 for, 11 against).

Also to be investigated were former national economy minister Panayiotis Roumeliotis (175 for, 115 against), and former finance minister Dimitris Tsouvas (164 for, 123 against).

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Vice-President Dan Quayle visits a Hewlett-Packard research lab. In a book that will be published in several weeks and written by Jack Germond and Jules Witcover, several prominent Republicans who worked in the Quayle campaign describe the vice-president as inept with a limited attention span and who sometimes had to be treated almost like a child. (Reuters wirephoto)

Quayle belittled

Bush takes offence

WASHINGTON, July 19. (AP): President George Bush said yesterday he was offended by Republican advisers who portrayed Dan Quayle as a campaign disaster who had to be protected from his own political ineptitude.

In a new book by Jules Witcover and Jack Germond, several consultants to last year's Bush-Quayle election campaign depict the vice-presidential candidate as a lightweight who was not ready for the national political scene.

One of the "handlers" employed by the Bush team to manage Quayle's campaign travels, Joseph Canzani, said the former Indiana senator was tough to work with because he had a limited attention span.

"He's a fairly quick study, but about what he wants to hear," Canzani was quoted as saying in the book. "Whose broad stripes and bright stars? The trivial pursuit of the presidency 1988."

"The doesn't like it, he goes away from it... He was like a kid. Ask him to turn off a light, and by the time he gets to the switch, he's forgotten what he went for," Canzani said the handlers "knew we were going to have to script him."

The book also indicates that James Lake, the former Reagan campaign press secretary who advised Quayle, was dismayed at some of Quayle's remarks on television as controversy about his Vietnam-era National Guard service heightened.

At one point, when the campaign wanted Quayle to refrain from answering questions so as not to overshadow Bush's convention acceptance speech, Lake said Quayle "wanted to answer those questions. I just pushed him aside."

Quayle, travelling in California, said yesterday he found it "rather a cruel hoax that some of your top advisers would speak like that behind your back. It's most unfortunate."

The legislation, attached to a bill authorising funds for the State Department, provide for criminal penalties for any official who solicits aid from a foreign country for any foreign region, country, government, group, or individual barred from receiving US aid.

No foreign country could be given US aid in exchange for its help in circumventing a ban such as Congress imposed on Contra aid during the Reagan Administration.

Poll gives 37.6 per cent support

Kennedy the top choice

BOSTON, July 19. (UPI): On the 20th anniversary of Chapquiddick, voters prefer Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy over four other potential candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, according to a national poll released yesterday.

The poll, prepared by KRC communications Research of Cambridge for the Boston Globe, also found that while 30 per cent of Democratic voters felt the tragedy that claimed the life of Mary Jo Kopechne at Chapquiddick Island in an

automobile mishap should disqualify Kennedy from the presidency, a far greater number thought the accident should not rule Kennedy out.

The poll, conducted last weekend, asked the 398 Democrats in the sample 1,000 to choose from among five prospective Democratic presidential candidates: Kennedy, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore Jr.

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, the party's nominee in 1988, was not included in the poll.

Kennedy was the top choice, with 37.6 per cent. Cuomo, who was rumoured to be considering a White House bid last year but stayed out of the race, followed with 14.2 per cent.

The same poll asked Democrats whether Chapquiddick should keep Kennedy out of the running for president. On July 18, 1969, Kennedy's car ran off a bridge on the sparsely populated island.

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Mandela wants to see black leaders

PAARL, South Africa, July 19. (Reuters): Jailed black leader Nelson Mandela is pressing for more contact with black opposition leaders in South Africa but not for his own release, his wife said after the first family reunion for 26 years.

Winnie Mandela and 15 other relatives spanning four generations visited Mandela for almost six hours yesterday, his 71st birthday, taking him flowers, fruit and other gifts.

She told reporters waiting outside the Victor Verster Prison Farm set among vineyards near the Cape Province town of Paarl that her husband did not expect to be released this year.

"His own freedom is of no particular importance. On his own agenda, release will be the last item," she said after the family had lunch with him in his prison bungalow.

"He wants freedom for his political ideas," she said.

The visitors, some meeting Mandela for the first time, included his four-year-old great-grandson, Thembi, his favourite grandson, Mandla, 14, his son Makgatho and his daughters by two marriages, Maki and Zinzi.

Mrs Mandela said politics was not a major topic at the reunion. But she revealed that Mandela, in the 26th year of a life sentence, was pressing prison authorities to let him meet black opposition leaders and radical trade unionists.

"There are moves in this direction. He has personally asked the government to allow him to communicate with them," she said.

Mandela met outgoing President F.W. Botha two weeks ago. The meeting stunned political analysts of all parties and fuelled speculation about his release before Christmas.

Prison officials told Reuters recently that Mandela, leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), was seeing "a wide variety of people almost everyday."

■ **Namibia:** UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar began three days of talks today aimed at smoothing out the remaining rough spots in the yearlong independence plan for Namibia.

The United Nations chief met with senior UN officials in the territory and was scheduled to hold additional discussions today with all major political parties and Namibia's South African administrator, Louis Pienaar.

■ **Mozambique:** F.W. de Klerk, designated to be South Africa's next president, met Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano for talks today in the National Party leader's first visit to a black African state.

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Accord to repatriate boat people

UK and Vietnam agree secretly

LONDON, July 19, (AP): Britain and Vietnam have agreed secretly to force thousands of Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong to return to Vietnam, British news reports said today.

The Guardian newspaper said the agreement was confirmed by government officials in London and in Hong Kong. It did not identify the officials.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said without attribution in a radio bulletin that details of the reported agreement had been disclosed in Hong Kong.

The Foreign Office would not confirm the report, and Hong Kong officials refused comment.

The Guardian said the refugees to be

repatriated have been classified as economic migrants from Vietnam rather than genuine refugees. It said more than half the 50,000 boat people in Hong Kong are likely to be sent back to Vietnam.

The BBC said the reported agreement has been kept secret to avoid provoking possible unrest among refugees in the British colony.

The number of people fleeing Vietnam has increased in recent years, many due to the poor state of Vietnam's economy rather than political oppression. Many nations that have been accepting the refugees have called for limits.

The Guardian report quoted one source as saying the repatriations could begin

within a week. It said a meeting between British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and his Vietnamese counterpart, Nguyen Co Thach, on June 28 had paved the way for the agreement.

The paper also said Britain has agreed to end its embargo on economic aid to Vietnam and will provide various forms of assistance.

A Foreign Office press officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with British custom, said talks between British and Vietnamese officials were still going on and that the granting of British development aid to Vietnam was dependent on the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia.

The press officer added: "We have nothing to announce on the outcome of those talks yet."

Robert van Leeuwen, head of the UN high commissioner for refugees in the colony, said he has not been informed of an agreement between Britain and Vietnam.

Van Leeuwen also said a group of Vietnamese officials would arrive in Hong Kong tonight to interview 300 boat people who have volunteered to return to the homeland instead of remaining in detention centres in the British colony.

So far, 143 boat people have returned to their country under a programme of voluntary repatriation.

US TV star shot dead

LOS ANGELES, July 19, (AP): A man shot and killed actress Rebecca Schaeffer in her doorway after asking neighbours for her address and waiting outside her apartment for nearly four hours, police and witnesses said.

Schaeffer, who co-starred in the US television sitcom "My Sister Sam," was shot yesterday morning as she answered the door. The gunman fled on foot.

Police questioned a former boyfriend of the 21-year-old actress but said he was not a suspect. They haven't ruled out the possibility that Schaeffer knew her attacker, detective Dan Andrews said.

Authorities also found no indications of harassment against Schaeffer, but the possibility that the killer was a deranged fan "is a motive that we definitely have not ruled out," Andrews said.

"We have no record of her ever having called for assistance or being a victim of anything," he said.

A neighbour said she was stopped in the area hours before the shooting by a "bookish looking" man who showed her a picture of Schaeffer and asked where she lived.

"He stopped me and he pulled this picture out of a large Manila envelope packed with junk and it was her," Irene Tishoff said.

"He asked if I had seen this girl in the neighbourhood. I said, 'what?' And just turned away. I thought it was strange."

Schaeffer was shot once in the chest by a young man who apparently rang her doorbell, Andrews said.

The attacker had been standing outside the two-story building for at least four hours, witnesses told police. The apartment is in the city's Fairfax district near west Hollywood and Beverly Hills.

"I was in the kitchen making coffee and I heard what sounded like a car backfiring," said Richard Goldman, a television screenwriter who lives across the street. "After the pop, there were two bloodcurdling screams."

Another neighbour, Kenneth Newell, rushed to help the fallen woman. "I felt (for) her pulse. I couldn't feel any," Newell said.

The actress died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre about 30 minutes after the shooting, said hospital spokeswoman Peggy Shaif.

Italians arrest 26

LOCRI, Italy, July 19, (UPI): In one of the biggest judicial operations against Calabria kidnap gangs yet launched, hundreds of police swooped on homes and hangouts of suspects early today in Calabria, Milan and Turin.

Police announced 26 arrests during the first hours of the swoop and said they were looking for another 12 suspects who were wanted under a total of 38 arrest warrants issued by Locri state's attorney Rocco Lombardo and his deputy Ezio Arcadi.

The warrants charged all those involved with association to commit Mafia-style crime involving kidnapping for ransom and other offences.

The operation, which a police spokesman said was "in its early stages," was the biggest staged since national police chief Vincenzo Parisi visited Locri last month to launch a major onslaught against the gangs still holding five kidnap victims for ransom in the Calabria mountains in the toe of Italy.

The offensive, involving specially trained anti-terrorist squads as well as Carabinieri (paramilitary national police) and finance police, followed a one-woman protest campaign in the Locri area in early June by Angela Casella, whose 19-year-old son Cesare has been held by kidnapers since Jan 18, 1988.



Prime Minister Soudouke Uno conducts a heated speech (picture right), while Chiyo Uno, wife of Soudouke Uno makes a public apology for her husband's alleged sexual misconduct (picture left) in their speeches during a public campaign for Sunday's Upper House elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Uno go home'

TOKYO, July 19, (Agencies): Japanese Prime Minister Soudouke Uno was met today by hundreds of women chanting "Uno go home" on his first day of campaigning for an election expected to deal a resounding blow to his party.

Uno, who returned from a successful Paris economic summit yesterday in high spirits, has been stung at home by allegations he hired geishas for sex.

Uno is desperately struggling to win back popular support for his Liberal Democratic Party prior to Sunday's election for the upper house of the Diet, or Japanese Parliament.

Opinion polls show the ruling party will lose the election by a wide margin.

Uno, hoping to control the damage, promised to review an unpopular national sales tax his party adopted just last year.

Uno, in his first campaign appearance, spoke to several thousand supporters at an indoor rally in Osaka, Japan's second largest city.

Prior to today, party leaders had kept Uno off the campaign trail saying he needed time to prepare for the summit, but it was widely understood the real reason was concern that Uno's public appearance could hurt the party's candidates.

Uno was met in Osaka by about 200 women demonstrators lining the streets and shouting their disapproval of his alleged womanizing.

The demonstrators chanted, "don't fool around with woman." Uno go home" and "Osaka women are tough and angry" as the prime minister's



'LDP may be defeated'

TOKYO, July 19, (AP): The governing Liberal Democratic Party is expected to lose its majority in upcoming parliamentary elections because of an unpopular consumption tax and a government influence peddling scandal, according to a major newspaper survey released today.

The Japan Socialist Party should win a landslide victory, upping its representation in the upper house of the Diet, Japan's parliament, from 22 seats to 47 seats, the Mainichi Shinbun reported. A total of 126 seats are being contested in Sunday's poll.

The LDP is expected to retain only 33 of its current 69 seats at stake in the election, according to the survey. The party's goal is to retain 54 seats, the number required to maintain a simple majority.

Twenty-six per cent of the respondents said they have not yet decided which party they will vote for, the newspaper said.

The predictions were made based on personal interviews with 34,237 eligible voters picked randomly across the country. The poll was conducted July 14-16. No margin of error was provided.

In the survey, the support rate for the LDP was 27 per cent, 18 per cent lower than what was shown in a similar poll conducted before the last election in 1986. On the other hand, the Japan Socialist Party registered a 30 per cent support rate, a rise of 17 per cent from the 1986 election.

limousine passed.

Uno, 61, who is married, has refused to comment on the charges by two former geishas and a bar hostess that he hired them for long-term sexual relationships.

Apologized

The Japanese prime minister's wife apologized today for a sex scandal that has plagued her husband, joining the ruling party's efforts to counter a strong opposition appeal to women voters.

Uno is not himself up for reelection but as leader of his party is expected to take a leading role in the campaign which began July 5.

He had hoped his stable performance among the world leaders at the Paris summit would boost his popularity at home, but opinion polls have not

reflected any change yet.

A leader of the LDP said today that if it fares as badly as expected in Sunday's election, the party may ask the opposition Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) for help.

The DSP's leadership has said it will not throw its support behind the scandal-ridden LDP, which looks likely to lose its majority in the poll.

However LDP Secretary-General Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference his party and the DSP had many policies in common.

"We have been able to ask for co-operation from them in the past. (After the upper house election) there will be an occasion for us to ask for such co-operation again," he said.

S. Korea president fires six ministers

SEOUL, South Korea, July 19, (AP): President Roh Tae-Woo replaced six cabinet ministers and fired the head of the politically powerful National Intelligence Agency today in what officials said was a bid to restore law and order.

Opposition leaders immediately denounced the move as cosmetic and claimed Roh ignored the public's desire for a complete change to rid government of the legacies of former President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Most of the 23-member cabinet worked in some capacity under the Chun government as lawmakers or bureaucrats. The reshuffle involved home, construction, communications, labor, health, and social affairs ministers and first minister of state for political affairs.

The changes were not expected to alter government policies and were widely seen as a political housekeeping move aimed at reassuring citizens the ruling party is concerned about social unrest, rising crime and welfare problems.

Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon and 16 other ministers were retained. The last cabinet shake-up was in December 1988 when Kang and 19 ministers were appointed.

In the most noticeable change, former attorney general Suh Dong-Kwon, 56, replaced Park Se-Jik as head of the powerful agency for national security planning, formerly the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Park was chief organizer of the successful 1988 Summer Olympic Games held in Seoul last September.

The intelligence agency has been widely criticized for apparently not learning beforehand of secret visits to communist North Korea by dissident clergyman Rev. Moon Il-Hwan, opposition lawmaker Suh Kyong-Won and a radical student leader still in the north.

Under South Korean anti-communist law, unauthorized visits to the communist North are a crime and a violation of national security laws.

Moon is now being tried on charges of violating the National Security Law. Suh was charged Monday with espionage for allegedly receiving \$120,000 from communist agents and the government said the college student, Im Su-Kyong, would be arrested when she returns home.

The largest opposition party, the Party for Peace and Democracy, said Suh, the new head of the intelligence agency, was "in the vanguard of the government's suppression of political opposition and dissent" as attorney-general under Chun.

Lee Sang-Seo, PPD spokesman, said the cabinet change "ignored the people's ardent desire for further democratization and liquidation of human rights abuses and corruption" from the days of Chun's government.

Lee In-Che, spokesman for the second largest opposition Reunification Democratic Party, said the changes were "not adequate to satisfy the people's anticipation of renovation in government." He said the public demanded better law enforcement and handling of the nation's economic problems.

US troop strength in Korea and a sensitive proposal to co-produce US fighter jets are being discussed by defence secretary Dick Cheney and his South Korean counterpart.



A cycle-rickshaw, laden with boxes, makes its way through streets empty of vehicles in the old section of Delhi today, as one-day transport strike cleared the roads of trucks and taxis. The drivers are demanding the repeal of a new registration fee. (Reuter wirephoto)



A worshipper struggles under the weight of the pure gold crown of Lord Jagannath, during the final ceremony of the annual car festival in the east Indian city of Puri on July 14. The crown which is carried across town weighs 100 kgs. (Reuter wirephoto)

Final reprieve

Illegals allowed to leave

SINGAPORE, July 19, (UPI): Officials from foreign embassies swung into action today and dispatched staff to construction sites and popular hangouts to publicise the Singapore government's "last chance" amnesty for illegal workers to depart without caning.

In the courts, charges of overstaying against 26 Indians and five Thais were withdrawn in the spirit of the reprieve. Deputy public prosecutor Ang Sing Teck said their passports would be returned and they would be referred to their embassies for repatriation.

The Thai embassy sent representatives to several temples and favourite haunts to distribute leaflets spelling out details of the three-week clemency that ends Aug 8 to enable all offenders to surrender and be repatriated.

The high commissions of India, Bangladesh and the Philippines were also spreading the word among their nationals.

Thai Ambassador Asda Jayanama vowed to "flush out" the remaining illegal workers here. Embassy sources said there are plans for Jayanama to appear on television to appeal to the illegals to surrender.

Flooded by appeals from Thai officials and unions, the Singapore government announced Monday a final reprieve sparing illegal immigrants and overstayers from the stiff penalties of the new immigration act — at least three months imprisonment and three strokes of a rattan cane.

Somkid Kamjan, the Thai illegal worker whose conviction last month led up to the government's decision to grant a final amnesty, will be advised to withdraw his appeal from the high court, his lawyer said.

Attorney Lau Liat Meng said he hoped the withdrawal would enable Somkid to be included in the amnesty. Besides illegal workers who have yet to surface, the amnesty applies to those who have been arrested.

President Wee Kim Wee will grant clemency to those who have already been convicted and sentenced but cannot interfere in cases where appeals are still pending in the courts.

Somkid became the first Thai worker to be sentenced under the statute to three strokes of the cane and three months imprisonment.

Indian High Commissioner Yogesh Mohan Tiwari said, "we shall be making maximum efforts to facilitate the repatriation of all Indian nationals who are covered under the amnesty."

He urged illegal Indian workers to immediately report to the mission to facilitate repatriation arrangements.

Philippine labour attaché Felixberto Capucion said officials are also distributing leaflets at shopping centres, parks and work sites while the high commission of Bangladesh will be making announcements over television and radio.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Death row

KUALA LUMPUR, July 19, (Reuters): A British sentenced to death for drug trafficking has appealed to Malaysia's King Sultan Azlan Shah for clemency, a British High Commission (embassy) spokesman said today.

He declined to say when the appeal was made or what the outcome was but added that "representations at every possible level" would be made to try to save Derrick Gregory, 39.

Gregory, a painter from Middlesbrough, in southern England, was sentenced to death in March 1987, five years after he was arrested with 576 grams (20.3 ounces) of heroin in his boots and underwear in the northern island resort of Penang.

Typhoon casualties

BEIJING, July 19, (AP): Typhoon Gordon killed five people and injured 29 others in the Philippines and one in Hong Kong, but the State Meteorological Bureau said it was downgraded to a tropical storm this morning.

The nationally broadcast evening news reported the death figures and said three people were wounded and more than 10 missing after the storm hit southern China's Guangdong province yesterday afternoon.

The State Meteorological Bureau said earlier today that it would not be able to confirm death figures for a day or two.

Hurricane Dailia

HONOLULU, July 19, (UPI): Hurricane Dailia turned slightly north in the direction of the Hawaiian Islands yesterday, but forecasters said they did not know whether the storm was changing course or merely suffering a case of "wobbling eye."

A tropical storm watch and high surf warning were issued for the island of Hawaii, the southeasternmost island in the chain, as the storm approached, carrying winds of 75 mph (120 kph) with gusts to 90 mph (145 kph) near the centre.

Bail set

BOSTON, July 19, (UPI): A US judge set bail at about \$250,000 yesterday for an electrical engineer accused of masterminding a plot to launch rockets against British targets.

The bail agreement for Richard Clark Johnson, 41, of Nashua, New Hampshire, was tentatively approved by magistrate Robert Collins after two days of bail hearings, the US attorney's office said.

The agreement still is subject to approval by both sides in the case, said assistant US Attorney Richard Stearns. He said a final arrangement could be completed this week.

India willing

NEW DELHI, July 19, (KUNA): India has expressed its willingness for a "free and open" dialogue with Nepal on the entire gamut of bilateral issues, including grant of most favoured nation treatment to Kathmandu.

This was stated by Minister of State for External Affairs Narwar Singh in Parliament today. PV Narasimha Rao, Indian external affairs minister, has sent a letter to the Nepalese government expressing willingness to review Indo-Nepal relations in their entirety, he said.

Thousands flee

DHAKA, July 19, (Reuters): More than 15,000 people have taken refuge on high ground as heavy monsoon rain flooded dozens of villages in northern Bangladesh, officials said today.

They said villagers were forced to evacuate after floods hit low-lying areas along the Ganges river.

"The situation is still not alarming but we must prepare for any emergency when the monsoon sets in with full fury next month," a Water Development Board official told reporters.

Indo-Pak affairs

ISLAMABAD, July 19, (KUNA): The third meeting of the India-Pakistan joint ministerial commission began here today with Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and Pakistan Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan leading their respective delegations.

The two-day meeting is a follow-up of an overnight visit to Pakistan yesterday by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during which he held talks with his opposite number Benazir Bhutto.

Explosion kills 11

BANGKOK, July 19, (AP): A bomb exploded in front of a courthouse in a northeastern city today, killing 11 people and injuring three seriously, police reported.

The bomb, placed in the basket of a parked bicycle, exploded at 11:40 am as the victims were descending the stairs of the courthouse in Nakhon Ratchasima, the officer said.

Rebel shot dead

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 19, (AP): The brother of rebel leader Francis Ona was shot dead by security forces in jungle fighting on the island of Bougainville today, Bougainville officials said.

Also killed in gunbattles yesterday was another member of the self-styled Bougainville Revolutionary Army that is seeking to secede from Papua New Guinea and is demanding \$10 billion compensation for environmental damage caused by the huge Bougainville copper mine.

Boy pilot

GOLovin, Alaska, July 19, (UPI): The 11-year-old California boy pilot seeking to become the youngest person to fly around the world suffered a setback when his plane crashed and burned with his father at the controls, the Federal Aviation Administration said. There were no serious injuries.

Tony Altengren, his father, and two other passengers received facial cuts in last night's crash in bad weather at Golovin, a village 60 miles (96.5 km) east of Nome where the boy and his family took a break from the trip to go fishing.

Rangoon celebrates 'Martyrs Day'

RANGOON, Burma, July 19, (AP): Opposition leaders cancelled a planned mass rally today after the military government sent large numbers of troops into Rangoon's streets and gave them harsh new martial law powers, sources said.

Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi had vowed to lead thousands in a rally to mark Martyrs Day, which commemorates the 1947 assassination of her father and six other independence leaders.

She said in a telephone interview that she cancelled it to

Yildirim faces trial for espionage activities

SAVANNAH, July 19, (UPI): Government prosecutors used a wish list of US military secrets believed drafted by East German agents to link accused spy Huseyin Yildirim to espionage activities.

FBI fingerprint expert Roy McDaniel testified yesterday he found Yildirim's fingerprints on a "dear friend" letter taken from the home of former army warrant officer James W. Hall II, now serving 40 years in prison for espionage.

The paper was seized in a Dec 21, 1988, raid on Hall's home and contained a specific request for information relating to the Star Wars defence system and other NATO operations.

The fingerprint was one of the first pieces of physical evidence linking the Turkish national to Hall. Yildirim, 61, is accused of conspiring with Hall to sell military secrets to East Germany.

The jury also viewed a two-hour videotape of a meeting between Hall and an undercover FBI agent posing as a Soviet diplomat. Hall outlined on the videotape his work for the Soviet Union and the East German government and identified Yildirim as his East German courier.

Hall said Yildirim carried the secrets he fished from the Army to two East German contacts and returned with money.

Yildirim also apparently carried some of those documents to the storage room of a friend and sealed additional classified papers in two 20-gallon jugs buried near an access road in British-controlled West Berlin.

Tom Crossin, an FBI agent assigned to Bonn, West Germany, testified that Yildirim identified the two sites for federal investigators in April. Crossin and a defence attorney flew there April 27 and recovered about 125 stolen documents — more than 10,000 pages of classified material.

Students finish summer training

529 distributed over 71 centres

THE students of the Faculty of Technological Studies of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training finished yesterday their first field training (summer training) in the different government sectors which began June 7. The students were distributed over 71 training centres.

The head of the field training office at the faculty Shabbir Al Harshani said that field training is conducted in three stages over the academic year. Beside the summer training there is a spring training for 15 weeks and autumn training for 15 weeks. He added that students are obliged to get the summer training.

The students were distributed at different training centres of government sectors according to their majors. The students under training are supervised by teachers of the faculty.

A total of 529 students registered for the

summer field training (442 boys and 87 girls) were supervised by 49 teachers from the faculty.

The students obtained training at Ministries of Electricity and Water, Communications, Information, Public Works, Public Housing Authority, Ports Authority, KAC, National Industries Company, Kuwait Company for Metal Pipes and automobile agencies and companies. The students are requested to submit reports on their training which are reviewed and discussed by a committee set up by the faculty, Harshani said.

Meanwhile, a number of students who obtained their summer training said they benefited from the field training. One of them Abdullah Al Hajraf (civil engineering-roads) who trained at Qurain Housing Project said that he benefited immensely. He also praised the supervisor for following up the training work at the project.

He suggested an increase in the period of

Summer training. The supervisor of the group at the National Housing Authority said that 18 students obtained training in the different housing projects of the authority during summer.

At the Kuwait Flour Mills Company, nine students trained at the cooking oil plant of the company. Head of chemical engineering department at the faculty Dr Abdul Shakour Mohammed who also supervises the training of students praised officials of the company for co-operating with faculty. The head of the plant Aslam Abbasi said that students were trained by a number of specialised engineers and chemists at the plant.

An official at the Kuwait Company for Metal Pipes said that 12 students from the faculty were trained at the factories of the company and all students specialised in mechanical engineering (production). They were trained by engineers of the factories according to a time programme.

The Gulf today

Queen prays for end to problems

Zayed receives PLO adviser

LONDON, July 19, (AP): Queen Elizabeth II told the President of the United Arab Emirates yesterday that she prayed for a speedy end to the crisis in Lebanon and the problems of the Palestinian people.

At a state banquet in Buckingham Palace, the Queen paid tribute to the part played by President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan in attempting to find an end to problems in Lebanon.

"Being aware of the important role you have played in the Arab League initiatives to seek a solution to the problems of the people of Palestine, I pray that these two tragic crises can be brought to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion," she said.

Zayed said that the Arab world hoped that the British government would continue participating in the establishment of international peace and security, especially in the Middle East and the Gulf.

"We count on the support of your government for Arab efforts that aim at bringing about an end to the tragic crisis in the Lebanon," he said.

Knighthood

The Queen made Zayed an honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, an order of knighthood believed to have been founded in the reign of Henry IV who died in 1413. She gave him a falconry cabinet.

Zayed gave the Queen the UAE's highest honour — the Order of the Union and a gold model palm tree. He gave her husband, Prince Philip, a gold sword.

Zayed began a four-day state visit to Britain yesterday minus the customary splendour of a royal carriage procession to Buckingham Palace because of a 24-hour rail and subway strike.

The Queen cancelled the glittering, horse-drawn procession, which would have closed some of London's busiest roads, "in view of the uncertainties about traffic congestion," the palace said.

The President's motorcade had to battle heavy traffic but made it to the palace on time.

Zayed was greeted by the Queen, Philip and a military guard of honour and was later introduced to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and leading cabinet members. At lunch, he met with the Queen's eldest son, Prince Charles and his wife, Princess Diana.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Zayed received late last night at his residence at the Buckingham Palace the political and informa-



UAE President Sheikh Zayed, lays a wreath at the tomb of the unknown warrior at Westminster Abbey at the start of his four-day state visit to Britain yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

tion adviser of the PLO's leadership Bassam Abu Sharif.

A press source in the UAE's delegation accompanying Sheikh Zayed during his current official visit to Britain, confirmed in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the encounter between the UAE President and the Palestinian officials has taken place.

He also said that Abu Sharif's visit to the British royal palace has nothing to do with Britain.

This is the first time a senior Palestinian official enters the Buckingham Palace of Queen Elizabeth.

Message

The UAE spokesman told KUNA that Abu Sharif delivered a message to Sheikh Zayed from Palestinian President Yasser Arafat on results of his recent contacts.

Sheikh Zayed held talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today.

A Downing Street spokesman said the 45-minute discussions had "reaffirmed their very warm relationship."

Among the matters raised during the talks were the Middle East and Gulf, Israel and the Palestinian question, and the Lebanon, said the spokesman.

Today's meeting between the two leaders was followed by a two-hour official lunch attended by 60 guests.

Members of the high-level UAE delegation are also holding separate talks with the senior British officials.

This afternoon the UAE Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi met British Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave for talks.

Media vital to mental outlook

FORMER director-general of the GCC joint programme production establishment Ibrahim Al Yousef has stressed the important role played by the media in the people's cultural development and the great influence these media have on the minds of children.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that members of the present generation receive through today's world media the conditions of their educational, cultural, behavioural and moral character.

The media which has the greatest influence on the psychology of children is television, as each family has at least one set, the official said.

He added that the video, cinema, theatre, the radio and newspaper played as great an effect on children as television, and this effect differed considerably from one community to another.

Monitor

Due to the high-level of flexibility characterising the minds of children, the material employed by the media must be carefully and meticulously monitored, whereby to guarantee a positive effect of these media on us in general and on children in particular, Yousef said.

He added that television had invaded each house in Kuwait for two and a half decades and changed so many habits, behaviour and traditions, as a result of the variety of programmes shown to the audience.

Hence, television must be employed in the best interest of the viewers, particularly children who have developed an intimate relation with it as the greatest all-time present means of entertainment.

It is very important to plan the programmes presented by this medium on a scientific and educational basis, a process in which educationalists, psychologists, informationists and all relevant authorities must participate to ensure the production of constructive programmes that would back up the educational and character-building role played by schools and homes, the official said.

Weapon

He pointed out that the video is the second medium with the greatest effect on people. Video programmes could be shown with the least chance for control and provides different themes ranging between violence and sex education, serious subjects and light entertainment and thus gaining the reputation of a two-edged weapon.

He said the effect of the cinema was still limited in Kuwait, and in the developing countries in general, but had an unlimited scope of effect in the advanced countries where the silver-screen is much more widely spread.

The theatrical material performed on Kuwaiti stages for children are actually far from educational, cultural or guiding, and purely commercial and profit-oriented businesses, the official said.

He added these works were taped on videos and marketed, although they were empty of any positive intent and served no serious purposes.

Bittersweet and mellow

Singer finds his soul

By Lima Al Khalafawi & Manal Elsheikh
Arab Times Staff



ABDULLAH Ruwaishid, one of the most popular Kuwaiti singers, has climbed the ladder of success in the last eight years with eight extremely popular albums. His posters adorn walls of every cassette shop and, like many celebrities around the world, Ruwaishid's distinguished appearance is both admired and copied by many youth here in Kuwait. Arab Times decided to find out what makes him so special.

The Kuwaiti heart throb began his singing career as a hobby. However, harsh demands of a somewhat closed Kuwaiti society resulted in many family protests towards public singing.

In 1967, at the age of ten, he formed a small band called "Riba' Al Kuwait," its members were young boys who were neither very serious nor very talented. As expected, the group did not last long. It was not until 1981 that Ruwaishid was on his way to fame when he sold his first album "Rahlati" for KD4,000 to the distributors. At the memory, he grinned, and said that he never expected so much adulation. He still considers himself an amateur.

The singer's latest success is his album "Rihlati Ommor 2," which has sold over 500,000 copies since its release a few months ago.

Success

Ruwaishid attributes his continuous success to Rashid Al Khodor and Abdul Latif Bania, his music and lyrics writers respectively. He has performed in over 100 concerts in the Gulf, Morocco, Cairo (the Mecca for Arab singers), France and other parts of Europe. In Europe, most of his audience is Arab or to be more precise Gulf state citizens.

He pointed out sadly that the strong Kuwaiti accent hinders the popularity of his songs in the rest of the Arab world, while the language barrier renders his singing meaningless to non-Arabic speakers.

He declared that he was really honoured to have worked with the extremely famous, blind, Egyptian composer Ammar Shalbi.

"He is an outstanding composer who will only write music for those he is sure are talented ... I was over the moon when he decided to compose for me!" Ruwaishid said.

He added that many talented singers have emerged in Kuwait within a very short period of time, making competition tougher. Among them are Nabil Shuaib, Mohammed Bolushi and Abdel Karim Abdul Kadir. Shuaib is his biggest competitor. Fortunately, market sensitivity does not stop the two singers from being friends and Ruwaishid admitted that there is nothing healthier than clean competition.

Of the Arab singers, Ruwaishid also admires Fairouz and the legendary Egyptian singer Umm Kalthoum. He said that the latter has a very rare talent of tone control.

"In one part of a song her voice is so deep it can be mistaken for a man, while in other parts of the song it is as high as a nightingale."

The music Ruwaishid sings too is a splendid mixture of popular Kuwaiti folklore and European classics. His lyrics are highly emotional, mostly rotating around love and its beauty, and the bitterness of heartbreak and love rows. The combination produces a new and highly acceptable form of music. It reaches out to many teenagers, especially those who go through experiences similar to the down-to-earth lyrics.

The slim 32-year-old singer has a healthy, olive-toned complexion, a warm smile and seductively twinkling brown eyes. His thick, black moustache and his slightly lopsided head-dress are his trademarks. Countless young men copy him.

"I see lots of them" he admitted with a shy smile, "although I wear the head-dress like this for a very good reason; I have a slight dent at one side of the back of my head and this is the only angle in which the aigal is steady."

Fans

If he is caught strolling on the streets he will always be wearing dark sunglasses to confuse his fans and he can sneakily watch them stare!

Being a typical Cancerian, Ruwaishid loves his home, is extremely sensitive and drifts from one mood to another. At home, he enjoys making salads and grilling. He admitted that he has to eat the traditional Kuwaiti "marag" for lunch else his hunger pangs will not fade.

"This makes it difficult when I'm in a restaurant in Europe — steak does not fill me up!" He added with a grin.

The family man has four children — two boys and two girls and makes sure he spends all of his spare time with them. Although they are still at the beginning of their academic life,

Ruwaishid encourages them to read and think both in English and Arabic. He does not want any of them to take up singing as a career. In fact, he hopes they will become intellectuals! It seems as if his eldest daughter Shuroq, aged nine, will make his dream come true.

She loves doctors," he said. "There was a phase when I used to take her to the local clinic for hours every week so that she could watch the doctor perform ... it pleases her immensely."

Ruwaishid takes criticism in his stride and does answer back in the same manner of criticism, revealing high self-confidence.

Frank

Ruwaishid is a smooth talker but very frank. He has strong views on national tradition which he feels has diminished in the present world. Not surprisingly he admires the simpler life of Kuwait in the sixties and hopes that the people in Kuwait will not lose more of the pure human quality meaning trust, honesty, fidelity etc ...

Although a lot has happened in the singer's past, he does not keep a diary. Ruwaishid feels that the past is something that has happened and only the future is of importance.

"However, I do make a mental note of things I should learn from."

On to personal matters, Ruwaishid likes both style and quality. He has a new white 750 BMW in which he hangs a blue stone to protect it from the evil, envious eye.

The car comes with an anecdote. Ruwaishid sat up in his chair and frowned in remembrance.

"I had bought a small beige BMW, the latest model, just a few months before this one. My first drive in it was a disaster, as soon as I arrived home all sorts of pieces began falling out of place. The inside door handle came out in my hand, the ashtray fell off and would not fit properly, the light bulbs died and even the electronic switches began to mock me! I immediately took the car back to the showroom and the salesmen were absolutely stunned ... they could not believe what happened. Anyway, I exchanged it for my present car and immediately hung up the protective, blue stone."

He loves wearing classic suits whenever possible — outside Kuwait that is — and pampers himself with Christian Dior's Fahrenheit or the saucy Jill Sanders' collection. He also has a habit of holding the tip of his gotra to his face, so he soaks it with incense.

Ruwaishid used to be a chain smoker, getting through three packets of cigarettes a day. Seven months ago, he decided to put a stop to this nasty habit and with the strongest will power, he stopped smoking altogether.

"I have seen a great improvement in my health. When I smoked, I always seemed to be short of breath and even when I inhaled I felt that my lungs were squeaking. Now, I feel that my lungs are clear and whenever I breathe I feel that all of my lungs are filled with clean, healthy air. Viva la difference!"

Ruwaishid is something of a chocoaholic ... he absolutely adores any chocolate. His favourites are Milky Way and Lion Bar.

Although Ruwaishid stated that he was not at all possessive, he said that he would never ever allow his wife to sing in public (or private as a matter of fact). He said that society would not accept this sort of behaviour, pointing out that there are no Kuwaiti female singers on the market yet.

When we asked him about his dislikes, Ruwaishid leaned back casually, held the tip of his gotra near to his face and thought carefully.

"I dislike a few small, but essential things: I dislike many of newly, 'trendy' Kuwaiti women and worthless rumours."

"Many of the women in Kuwait frequently travel around the corners of the world. Some of them have adapted to the European lifestyle a bit too much."

"They talk too loudly, smoke like chimneys (a very common put-off), and plaster their faces with stage make-up!" Quietly and very calmly, he added, "a lady should be conservative and composed."

Ruwaishid is totally against telecommunications that spread and exaggerate rumours about his singing career and the money he makes. He said that this falsely encourages young men to turn to a musical career.

"A musical career is extremely risky and sometimes distressing. I certainly do not advise anybody to leave their studies to 'make-it-big' in music. Concerts are very tiring, other than the pressure of getting ready for it the audience can be humiliating and spiteful. In fact a man once came up to the stage and offered me a ten dinar

"I dislike many of newly 'trendy' Kuwaiti women and worthless rumours ..."

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note as a 'present' in front of a few hundred spectators ... I was so frustrated and if I had a gun, I'm sure, I would have shot him!"

"I do make quite a lot of money from concerts but the best prize is loyal, appreciative fans. I make over KD 30,000 per concert if there is a band and under KD30,000 if I am alone with my 'oud', even though this takes more personal effort..."

Besides singing, Ruwaishid runs a real estate business in Kuwait, and also trades in electronics.

"I inherited my trade from my father, and really enjoy it, sometimes more than singing!" He also has a commercial studio in Iraq, the first and only one of its kind in the country.

Like many wealthy Kuwaitis, Ruwaishid has flats in Paris, Cairo and Baghdad. He enjoys travelling and therefore feels it is important to have a decent place to live in a foreign country so that you can consider it a second home.

Professionally, Ruwaishid's greatest desire is to sing with the Spanish crooner, Julio Iglesias. He said that Iglesias' symphony orchestra is one of great talent. He added disappointedly that it was impossible to form such an orchestra in Kuwait due to the lack of motivation among students of the College of Music here. He said that although some of them are talented, they have a very careless attitude which makes them inefficient.

Stage fright, he thought, only comes to new starters ... but Ruwaishid proved us wrong! He said that he always has an attack of nerves before his concerts and it takes him two five-minute songs of sweat before he actually beats it off!

Bahrain to build new earth station

By Yakub Razaque
Arab Times Staff

BAHRAIN Telecommunications Company (BATELCO) signed a major contract Monday with a Japanese firm to build a new earth station at Ras Abu Jarjour site.

The B01 million agreement was jointly signed by Ebrahim Mohammed Humaidan minister of transportation and chairman of BATELCO with Koichi Kurokawa, General Manager of Telecommunications and Electronics Department of Sumitomo Corporation.

The project, part of expansion plans of Bahrain's telecommunications system, is scheduled to be completed by July 1990. The newly built Standard A earth station will replace the first and oldest earth station in the Middle East, inaugurated by the Amir, Sheikh Isa Bin Sultan Al Khalifa

twenty years ago. Humaidan stated, following the signing ceremony, the project is part of the development programme of Bahrain to enhance and expand its communications network with the outside world in order to maintain the island's position in the forefront of global telecommunications technology.

In 1969 Bahrain built the first satellite earth station in the Middle East and twenty years later it is still a pioneer in adopting new telecommunications technology, the BATELCO chairman added.

When completed the new satellite gateway will provide international communications services, including telephone, telex, data and television, through Intelsat satellite positioned on the Atlantic Ocean. The other BATELCO earth station provides similar services via Intelsat satellite positioned on the Indian Ocean and the Arabsat satellite.

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Fake brands affect perfume sales

Spurious products flood market

By Lima Al Khalafawi
(Arab Times staff)

LES of perfumes are witnessing tough competition presently in Kuwait as more than 50 new brands have been introduced in the market during the last year. Ironically, these brands introduced in the market through their agents are facing competition with the same fake brands brought from East Asian countries. The low priced fake perfumes sold at between 30 to 40 per cent discounts are

demonstrated by smaller shops in the car-park buildings in Kuwait City and Salmiya. The fakes have a weaker fragrance and appear to have a stronger yellow colour.

Authorised agents who sell their brands at the co-operatives at discounts of 10 to 20 per cent have encouraged purchases to be made from super markets instead of agent's showrooms.

A perfume shop owner of 11 years standing in Kuwait said that identification of

the genuineness of the perfume bottle can be checked by the code number printed on the bottom of the bottles. Imitations do not use the code number and are wrapped with strong plastic compared to authentic products which are encased in soft plastic wrap. He added that very small shops do buy old stocks from agents and resell at a profit of no less than KD1 per bottle.

Another small shop owner in Salmiya said that he does good business selling perfumes brought from the United Arab Emirates. He said that inspite of restric-

tions and checks on imitations, this has not reduced the sales of these spurious products. Conversely, the sale of genuine articles has dropped substantially, he added.

A pharmacist in a major drug and perfume store advised women to buy only genuine products to avoid side effects to their skin. "People might save money now by purchasing fake perfumes, but in the long run they end up paying more when they have to undergo skin treatment," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, July 19, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmad who presented to His Highness members of the Pigeon Breeding Committee.

The committee members played their thanks to HH for allocating a headquarters so that they can practise their hobby. The meeting was attended by Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for Youth Affairs Abdul Rahman Youssif Al Mazroui.

Soviet message

KUWAIT, July 19, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received a message from the prime minister of Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan.

The message was delivered to the undersecretary of HH Diwan Abdul Latif Al Bahar today by the Soviet ambassador to Kuwait.

Premier's audience

KUWAIT, July 19, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received in audience Defence and Acting Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al

Ahmed Al Jaber, Planning Minister and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Finance and Commerce Minister Jasssem Mohammed Al Kharafi, State Minister for Municipality Affairs Mohammed Abdulmohsen Al Rifai, Communication Minister and Acting Public Works Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan.

Sheikh Saad also received member of the Higher Housing Council Khaled Al Issa and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Ahmed Gaiti Abdulla.

US envoy

KUWAIT, July 19, (KUNA): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Osaime today received the United States Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson Nathaniel Howell.

An authoritative source told KUNA that the two sides reviewed the situation in the region and the international arena in addition to bilateral relations.

Later in the day, Osaime received Iranian Charge d'Affairs Javad Turkabadi and reviewed bilateral ties and developments in the region.

Nomination

GENEVA, July 19, (KUNA): The Council of Arab Ambassadors in Geneva nominated yesterday Salem Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the ambassador of Kuwait, as the alternate Arab candidate to the executive board of the newly established Common Fund for Commodities.

Meeting under the chairmanship of the Syrian Ambassador, Sami Giliel, the council decided on the name of Osama Al Faquih of Saudi Arabia as the main candidate.

Taxation agreement

ABU DHABI, July 19, (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates and France today signed here an agreement to avert double taxation on private and public business activities based in both countries.

UAE Minister of State for Finance and Industry Ahmed Jameed Tayer who signed for the country said the agreement was the first of its kind being concluded by the UAE in this field.

10 Thais die in Makkah

ANGKOK, July 19, (Reuter): At least 10 Thai Muslims died during the haj pilgrimage to Makkah, a spokesman for Thailand's leading Muslim organisation said today.

The spokesman for the Thai Islamic Centre said most were elderly pilgrims who suffered strokes and high blood pressure due to the extreme heat. They were buried in the holy city.

Tens of thousands of Thais in the predominantly Muslim Hajj travel to Makkah every year for the pilgrimage.



Kochetov visits Army centres

The Deputy Soviet Defence Minister today paid a visit to a number of Kuwait Army centres. He visited the armoured vehicles training centre and was received there by Commander of the Land Forces, Col Abdul Aziz Al Barghash and other senior officers.

Residence violation fines at border points ruled out

THE question of establishing offices at the border exits and airport to collect fines from residence violators, is very difficult and is ruled out, director general of the Immigration Department, Col Ahmad Al Wohaib announced yesterday.

He said that the department does not impose any fines on persons who have been living in Kuwait without nationality and wish now to legalise their positions by obtaining their original nationality. Wohaib said that 99 per cent of residence violators who pay fines have not intentionally violated the residence laws but simply forgot to process their applications in time.

The issue of GCC citizens travelling among the GCC states with their identity cards is the concern of the GCC leaders and GCC interior ministers.

Co-ordination with other GCC states is continuing in every respect the official said and expected that the transfer with IDs among GCC states for GCC citizens may be approved and implemented shortly. However, he added he was unable to comment on a time-frame for implementation. Wohaib admitted that there are still residence violators in

Kuwait but stressed that their numbers are very small. He added that the number of violators at present is much less than what it was in the past after applying the new regulations. Al Wohaib reiterated that the department does not ask for any conditions, like salary and others, in case of transferring the wife's visa into a dependent visa to her husband, as long as the husband is in Kuwait and working legally. But he added that wives who have been working in the private sector and resigned or were terminated, must get the approval of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour before transferring her residence into a dependent visa on her husband.

Wohaib said that the issue of granting visit visas for 72 hours at the airport is ruled out at present. But he said that in urgent cases, the immigration departments in the four governorates can help by quickly issuing the visit visa within a half an hour only.

The Immigration Department has recently eased the document requirements in order to provide public with all facilities and process their works as soon as possible, the official said.

Cornea transplants in Kuwait soon

By Mahmoud Murel

PEOPLE using spectacles in everyday life will finally have the opportunity to get rid of them in the near future according to Dr Sami Al Rabia, the deputy director of the Optical Medicine Section at the Ministry of Public Health. In an exclusive interview with Seyassah/Arab Times Rabia stated that cornea implantations will be conducted for the first time in Kuwait to dispense of spectacles.

Rabia expects that the level of optical services in Kuwait will improve for the better after establishing the Optical Medicine Centre which is being built from the donation of Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Bahar. The new centre will be built in full by one of the local companies.

Contact lenses

He added that the new centre to be located near Ibn Sina Hospital will include five operation rooms in addition to modern technical equipment used in the field of optical surgery. He pointed out that the Ministry of Public Health will also carry out huge expansions at its eye clinics and the emergency section according to ministry expectations, nearly 1,000 pairs of contact lenses will be fitted during the current year. He added that nearly 850 pairs of contact lenses were fitted in 1987 and 1988 and 400 were fitted in 1986.

He stated that people in Kuwait started to realise the value of lens implantations pointing out that cataract operations when conducted in the past made it compulsory for patients to use thick eyeglasses causing them some inconveniences.

Imports

In the present time, and after conducting successful lens implantations, the need for eyeglasses has dropped dramatically, and even when patients are forced to use them, they are made lighter in weight and less harmful to the eye.



Rabia ... need for donors

Rabia pointed out that Kuwait is still importing corneas from outside in order to complete cornea implantations. He further added that the importation of corneas is done accurately and according to standards that depend on the age of the donor before death, the cause of death and the condition of the eye. He pointed out that such measures could be overcome if the Eyes Bank in Kuwait had enough donors.

Rabia expressed hope that concerned authorities will soon conduct a campaign to spread awareness among the public on the importance of such donations.

He stated that the opening of an eye bank in Egypt, three months ago represents a new and important addition to eye banks in the Arab world. He pointed out that the newly opened Egyptian bank is considered to be the biggest in the Middle East. He hoped that more eye banks will be established in the Arab world to cover the needs of Arab citizens.

Rush

Regarding the current situation at the Eyes Section at Ibn Sina Hospital, Rabia said that the eye section at the hospital receives nearly 170 patients daily during summer and 240 patients daily during winter. The number of patients may reach 300 per day during dusty days putting pressure on doctors. He pointed out that the hospital has only eight doctors during winter, thus doctors appointments are delayed up to 4 months sometimes.

He added that the long waiting period of patients is due to not having enough speciality clinics in Kuwait. He said that the country requires more eye clinics in addition to the ones currently operating at Ibn Sina, Farwaniya, Fahadhel, Riqa, Salmiya and Sharq.

He pointed out that harsh weather conditions in Kuwait, has direct negative impact on eyes, therefore a bigger number of eye clinics is an absolute necessity.

Researchers request lighter school physics texts

TWO researchers at the Educational Research Centre, Dr Isam Al Deen and Mohammed Al Qazweeni have advised that the material contents of physics text books currently required for students at the fourth secondary stage be lightened. They stressed that the physics curriculum is overloaded with materials, definitions and experiments making it hard on students to grasp them in full. They added that some subjects included in the text should only be required for students joining science activities at schools and should not be compulsory at examinations.

The researchers pointed out that some of the illustrations should be simplified further

to avoid confusion among students. This, and more, came in a study prepared by the Science Unit at the Educational Research Centre on the assessment of physics texts for the fourth secondary class. The research included a survey conducted on a sample of teachers.

Texts assessment in considered one of the most important tools of educational development, the Educational Research Centre has adapted the assessment of physics texts for the fourth secondary class of the edition 87/88 after witnessing indicators on students dissatisfaction with the physics curriculum, which has reflected on their levels in the general secondary examination of 87/88.

The Science Unit at the Educational Research Centre therefore, conducted a field study to indicate the adequacy of physics texts required for students at the fourth secondary class. The study also aimed at conducting comprehensive analysis on the text with the assistance of a specialised team.

The Science Unit has conducted a survey to highlight the views of a teachers sample who have taught the physics curriculum for the fourth secondary class of 87-88. The survey interviewed 43 teachers distributed among nineteen secondary schools at the five educational areas.

Manpower issue to remain priority

Current workforce discussed

THE Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi described the issue of manpower in Kuwait as pivotal in the country at the moment as it is closely related to amending the population structure and the productivity issue.

Opening a high level meeting that included ministries undersecretaries, assistant undersecretaries and senior officials concerned with manpower Awadi said that the present picture for the manpower in Kuwait goes far beyond the next five year-plan.

He added that the various state departments concerned with planning the workforce, are currently estimating the requirements of the state and then meet its demands for highly qualified and well trained national manpower for both private and public sectors. The meeting discussed the present status of the workforce in Kuwait and the country's manpower requirements in the short and long terms. The minister said that the main object of the meeting is to discuss the manpower position in the country in light of the poll conducted by the Ministry of Planning and the data provided by various concerned



Awadi... solutions

authorities to the ministry.

He called upon officials responsible for manpower in all government departments and establishments to find the best solution for the future of the manpower in the country. He said that in this connection, a very official should consider himself a planning minister in order to exactly determine the needs of the local labour market both in the public and private

sector from workforce. He added that through this, we can direct the education policy to produce the exact needs of nationals to meet our demands. He emphasised again on the urgent need to know the requirements of the local market of manpower in order to train and qualify the necessary national workforce, through education and training.

Strategy

Awadi stressed on the importance of scientific studies to estimate the country's manpower needs which should be based upon the fact that the building of a qualified Kuwaiti man is the core of our future strategy. He said that the qualifying of the Kuwaiti man is not restricted to the prospects of the next five year development plan only. It is more comprehensive and goes far beyond that.

About the preparation of the second-five-year development plan, Awadi said that we should complete working out its policies and proposals by October and the draft plan must be completed by December this year. He added that the whole plan must be ready for submission to the Council of Ministers and the Higher Planning Council by March next year.



Mock evacuation at Ministries Complex

The Civil Defence Department yesterday carried out a mock evacuation of employees at a number of blocks at the Ministries Complex. The management of the complex, Fire Department, Capital Patrols and first aid units participated in the operation. Half the complex houses the Ministries of Finance, Justice, Awqaf, Housing and the Minors Welfare Authority, the Public Authority for Civil Information and Post Dated Shares Settlement Establishment. All

employees were evacuated through emergency gates. Undersecretaries, Assistant Undersecretaries and other senior officials took part in the experiment which was supervised by the Director of the Civil Defence Col Khaled Al Qaud. The mock evacuation comes in a series of experiments by the Civil Defence to train employees and the public on such operations in case of emergency. This is the third experiment at the Ministries Complex.

Trucks and jeeps a speciality

Parallel haraj at Fifth Ring Road

AT the Fifth Ring Road before you reach the second-hand cars (Haraj) market you will notice an organised show for pickups and trucks which is considered an unofficial haraj.

A broker at the unofficial haraj Ribh Matel said that he has a licence from the municipality to display and sell second-hand vehicles in this haraj. He added that brokers or owners of vehicles do not pay fees to sell their vehicles as in the official haraj of the saloon cars. He added that he cannot sell these vehicles inside the official haraj because he owns 60 of them and cannot pay KD60 a day. He added that he gets about 50 to 200 dinars as profit for each pickup or truck sold.

One of the customers Mohammed Naser said he prefers to buy from the haraj because there are many models and large numbers of heavy vehicles and pickups. This haraj is specialised in selling trucks and jeeps as well as pick-

ups. He added that he can take the vehicle out of the haraj to inspect it in a garage. But he added that he should pay a deposit before that. If the vehicle is not in good condition he can return it to its owner but he would lose the deposit. The brokers permit bringing a mechanic to inspect the vehicle in the haraj, he said.

Another customer Ibrahim Mahmoud has claimed that brokers and owners of vehicles sold at the haraj cheat the customers. They do not permit customers to take the vehicle to a garage. If a customer insists on taking it to a garage to examine it he should pay a deposit of at least 20 dinars. If the vehicle is good the deposit will be deducted from the total price but if a customer does not want the car he will lose the deposit.

Qutaiba Al Edris said purchasing from the haraj is a question of luck. He added that he succeeded in buying a vehicle for

KD600 while its actual price is KD1500. Prices in the parallel haraj are less than prices at the official haraj.

A broker at the haraj Hassan Rashed said that he gets KD30 for selling a vehicle at the haraj. This sum is paid by owner of the vehicle or the buyer according to the agreement between them. He added that sometimes he sells three vehicles a day and sometimes sells one vehicle a week according to conditions of the haraj.

Another broker Afat Al Zafiri said he buys from the parallel haraj and sells the vehicles in showrooms and other markets. He added that the owner of the haraj gets KD20 for each vehicle sold for less than KD1,000 and 40 dinars if it is sold for more than KD1,000 of dinars. He added that the ideal time to sell vehicles is spring when people buy jeeps and pickups for hunting birds in the desert.

Fire at school

A FIRE, believed to be intentional, broke out yesterday morning at a high secondary school in Firdous area and totally damaged most of the school property. The fire broke out at about 4.30 am when it is alleged the school's watchman was not present. The security authorities are currently investigating into the incident and have begun interrogating the watchman of the school. The school has been identified as Firdous Secondary School.

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Bush's optimism not shared by all

G-7 still wary of Moscow

PRESIDENT Bush has an important symbolic memento from his European journey — a piece of the barbed wire from the no man's land border between Hungary and Austria.

The wire, embedded in a plaque presented to Bush by Hungarian Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth, may be prophetic in the president's view.

On his return from the 10-day excursion to four nations, including Poland and Hungary, the president predicted that "in our lifetime" the world would see the end of the division of Europe. And perhaps even a tearing down of the Berlin Wall.

But Bush's optimism about the "winds of change" led by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika policy wiping out the East-West split, are not completely shared by some of his aides.

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, a hard-liner who is not ready to jump on the bandwagon said: "I'm sceptical. They're still in the early stages. Reversal is possible. There are still major substantive issues between us. One has to be cautious."

But no one is going to rain on Bush's parade. He came, he saw and he conquered as far as the Poles and Hungarians are concerned. The president kept the flame of hope burning with major speeches in both countries. At the same time, he walked a tight line not to rile Gorbachev or to be provocative.

Not only did he observe that peaceful changes are occurring. There was a notable lack of desire for revenge, other than perhaps to toss the rascals out.

That was apparent at the luncheon Bush held at the US embassy in Warsaw when he invited an array of leaders, representing the government and the Solidarity movement.

On his arrival back in Washington, the President quoted a Polish woman, who had worked at personal risk for the release of many imprisoned comrades. He asked her why would she be willing after such a short time to break bread with the men who had imprisoned her friends. "Why the absence of bitterness?" she was asked.

Joy

Her eloquent reply was: "Our joy at what is now happening is more powerful than memory."

The euphoria in the parts of Eastern Europe that he visited was plain to see. But so was the plight of the Poles. The empty shelves and the bankruptcy of the economy.

If not ideology, then consumerism and deprivation of goods and services may be fueling the evolution from communism to democracy and free enterprise.

Gorbachev is well aware of that, and his letter to the economic summit partners meeting in Paris was an appeal to get into the act. He seemed to be saying: "Look, you want us to join the world of free enterprise. Well, here I am."

But the summiters were wary. And one of the more cynical officials said that only when the rouble becomes convertible, will the West begin to take notice.

And no one seems to want to fight anymore. The Socialist leaders, who have maintained power at the behest of the Soviet Union and been entrenched for so long, may not be persuaded to step aside so easily. But some of them have read the handwriting on the wall and seem resigned to the inevitable.

No matter what — whether Gorbachev stays ahead of the curve or not — diplomatic observers believe there is no turning back to the Stalinist days for the Soviet Union. The proximity to Eastern Europe, especially Hungary, will add to the momentum of economic and political change in Moscow.

So no one is predicting the kind of crackdown that was carried out in China when the pro-democracy students pulled off a stunning protest for weeks only to be shot down by orders of ageing Deng Xiaoping in his last hurrah.

PRESS REVIEW

IN an editorial on the US dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, *The Washington Post* said today:

"A few things need to be said about Ariel Sharon's call to 'eliminate' Yasser Arafat. When the then-Israeli defence minister's forces had the PLO chairman literally in their gun sights, during the PLO's international supervised evacuation of Beirut in 1982, he chose — wisely — to let him go."

"For Mr Sharon now to urge his killing is wildly irresponsible, if only for the effect of this appeal in undercutting Israel's protests against Palestinian terrorism."

"This is the relevant background to the Shamir government's disconcerting new effort to force an end to the dialogue Washington began with the PLO late last year when the PLO met US terms for addressing Israel."

"In this effort, the government is using the emotion generated by continuing acts of Palestinian terrorism. It is also using the confusions of US diplomacy: the hesitation to characterise as terrorist the bus incident in which 14 Israelis died, the general erraticism of State Department responses to the volatile Israeli scene."

"The administration badly needs to take this situation in hand lest its whole Middle East policy, such as it is to this point, sags into irrelevance. (UPI Washington)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1654 — Anglo-Portuguese treaty placing Portugal under English control is signed.
- 1866 — Italian fleet is destroyed by Austrians off Lissa, Italy.
- 1877 — Russian forces suffer first reverses in war with Turkey.
- 1903 — Morocco grants France control of frontier police.
- 1913 — Turkey recaptures Adrianople from Bulgaria.
- 1922 — League of Nations Council approves mandates for Togoland, Camerouns and Tanganyika.
- 1945 — US flag is raised over Berlin as US troops prepare to take part in occupation government after World War II.
- 1947 — Dutch troops launch new offensive in Java against Indonesian forces.
- 1951 — Jordan's King Abdullah is assassinated in Jerusalem.
- 1954 — Armistice for Indochina is signed in Geneva, under which France evacuates North Vietnam. Communists evacuate South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, and France undertakes to respect independence of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.
- 1958 — United Arab Republic severs relations with Jordan.
- 1968 — Philippines recalls its envoys from Malaysia because of territorial dispute.
- 1969 — US Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong becomes first man to set foot on moon.
- 1974 — Turkey invades Mediterranean island of Cyprus with powerful land, sea and air forces.
- 1976 — US Spacecraft Viking I lands on Mars after 11-month flight and begins sending back clear pictures of the planet.
- 1987 — Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva's centre-right Social Democrats win Portugal's first parliamentary majority.
- 1988 — South Africa, Angola and Cuba formally accept agreement aimed at withdrawal of foreign troops from Angola and independence for South-West Africa.

Iran walks a tightrope

Politics against religion

IRAN'S new leaders are walking a tightrope, trying to balance the material aspirations of 50 million Iranians against the raw Islamic fundamentalism that swept the mullahs to power a decade ago.

Foreign and Iranian political analysts said in Tehran last week that more pragmatic leaders, such as parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, want to satisfy the needs of a people who face a chronic shortage of the most basic goods. But to do so, they cannot afford to undermine the strict Islamic precepts upon which their own authority rests.

"We've seen it most lately in China. If you let go too fast, people want more," said a Gulf-based diplomat, referring to China's bloody crackdown against its student-led democracy movement after ten years of economic liberalisation.

To threaten Islam would also alienate powerful, conservative mullahs entrenched in Iran's holy city of Qom, and a generation of revolutionary radicals who wish to keep the Islamic Republic isolated from the outside world at any cost, the analysts said.

"As far as it is possible for us, we will rule under the Islamic code. This is our duty," said Iran's new spiritual leader Ali Khamenei.

Both Khamenei and Rafsanjani, who is certain to win the July 28 presidential elections, stand for economic revival to arrest rapidly declining living standards.

Inflation is rampant, and a flourishing black market is openly tolerated by the authorities.

But the type of Islamic fundamentalism which toppled the Shah of Iran in 1979, is less effective when it comes to staging an economic revival after eight years of war with Iraq and ten years of revolution that destroyed most business initiative.

Islam's strictures against usury are among factors that have prevented Iran from taking full advantage of foreign loans to help its economy.

And Khomeini's doctrinal dislike of capitalism discouraged entrepreneurs in a land where a major paper, the daily *Ertelaat*, in March said: "At least take a few corrupt businessmen, line them up against the wall... and fire the bullet of justice."

"The Imam (Khomeini) succeeded in bringing Islam out of the seminary and made it into the manager of the nation," Rafsanjani said on Saturday at a speech in Tehran.

But after the years of revolution and war, during which the government could draw upon the nationalistic and religious fervour of the Iranian people, the last year has been the first that clerical Iran has governed in peace.

A year ago to the day, Khomeini said he accepted the "poison" of the ceasefire with Iraq.

And when the guns finally fell silent on August 20, there were expectations that Iran would reconstruct and emerge from political and economic isolation.

Businessmen and governments from East and West saw in Iran a major new economic partner and jostled to win a major chunk of Iran's post-war reconstruction.



Ayatollah Khomeini

But with a few exceptions they were to be disappointed.

Since the ceasefire, Iran has promoted close relations with its few wartime allies, including North Korea.

It has also improved economic ties with the Soviet Union, which with the United States, Islamic Iran had regarded as the two "Great Satans."

But the Salman Rushdie affair and Khomeini's reaffirmation of fundamentalism have dashed the

hopes of many who hoped for a new order in Iran.

Khomeini, fearing that the mere possibility of political and economic liberalisation was enough to threaten Islamic purity, swung the country sharply back to the path of strict Islam.

And political analysts say that until Iran's leaders get to grips with the thorny issue of balancing religion and politics there is little sign that the Islamic Republic will be capable of emerging from Khomeini's shadow. (Reuter — Dubai)

Japan's farmers snub ruling party

Crayfish confronts elephant

OUT on Japan's city streets this week, it's a battle between the red crayfish and the green elephant with the fate of Japanese politics riding on the outcome.

The opposition Socialist Party, riding a wave of public disgust against the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), is using an angry crayfish with claws raised in V-for-victory signs as its symbol for this Sunday's Upper House elections.

The LDP symbol of a placid green elephant, meanwhile, is shaken by over a year of financial scandals and massive public opposition to a sales tax slapped on all consumer goods in April.

The party's troubles, including allegations of sexual indiscretions against its leader, Premier Sosuke Uno, make the LDP almost certain to lose its Upper House majority for the first time.

"I know you are angry at the unfair sales tax, the Recruit scandal. Please give us the vote of your anger," Socialist candidate Tadashi Kobayashi told a crowd in Yokohama just south of Tokyo.

Kobayashi's LDP rival, Kiyoyasu Ishiwata, countered the new opposition confidence with a plea for stability.

"We have to protect (Japan's) prosperity. Please don't be misguided by short-term feelings," he urged commuters from atop a loudspeaker bus at Yokohama station.

The turnout for speeches by both candidates is much larger than in previous elections, with people listening carefully.

"I like them (the LDP) a lot and I always used to vote for them," said a middle-aged housewife.

"But this time, I think they need a spanking."

Half the seats in the 252-member Upper House come up for election every three years. The LDP needs 54 seats to maintain its majority.

Even LDP leaders now admit they cannot do it. One party leader estimated this week the LDP would win 37 seats, while a poll published by the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper on Wednesday put the number at 33.

The LDP maintains a solid hold on the powerful 512-member Lower House, which is not up for elections until next summer.

The loss of a majority in the Upper House, which has the power to delay and obstruct legislation, could make the LDP significant trouble.

Amongst the issues influencing people to vote against the LDP, the most powerful are the sales tax and the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal which involved most LDP leaders.

"The sales tax is a bad law. I will abolish it," Socialist candidate Kobayashi told one showman after another as he walked along a Yokohama mall, shaking hands.

Against the opposition attacks, the LDP has been forced to take a defensive strategy.

"I must apologise for the Recruit scandal," said LDP secretary-general Ryutaro Hashimoto, who has been campaigning hard in place of scandal-tainted Uno.

"It is very shameful that I must do this, but I want to turn this feeling into strength for political reform. Please give my colleague here your votes," Hashimoto said in a speech in Yokohama for LDP candidate Ishiwata.

The LDP, in power since 1955, remains conspicuously faceless in this campaign because of an absence of the big names that usually come out to help candidates.

Virtually all have been implicated in the Recruit scandal, and are viewed more as a campaign liability

than a help.

Many local LDP offices have sent unprecedented messages to headquarters specifically declining any help from Uno.

Party is also facing a loss of support from some traditional backers — the nation's farmers.

Farm groups see the government as too weak in its stance against US demands for a wider opening of Japan's market to American beef, oranges and other products. They fear the next step could be an end to Japan's nearly complete ban on imports of rice, the nation's staple food.

Because of the arrangement of Japan's electoral districts, a rural vote is calculated as weighing up to six times as much as an urban vote in Sunday's election for half the seats in Parliament's Upper House.

"It is the first election since the formation of the Liberal Democratic Party (in 1955) that farmers, who have always been loyal to the ruling party, so loudly expressed opposition to the LDP," said Takayoshi Miyagawa, president of Seiji Koho Centre, a prominent research firm.

In the past, he said, farmers' opposition to certain policies has not translated into votes for the opposition.

Last month, however, a Socialist housewife defeated an LDP candidate in an Upper House by-election in Niigata prefecture, Japan's largest rice-growing district.

"Without the farmers' rebellion against the LDP, the Socialist candidate couldn't have won in Niigata, which is traditionally a conservative stronghold," said Masumi Ishikawa, a political commentator for the national newspaper *Asahi Shimbun*. (Agencies Tokyo)

Germans grieve

Opening up old wounds

IT was July 1946. Herte Dittich bundled her three children and their few belongings into a horse-drawn wagon, joining a mass exodus of ragged Germans sadly leaving Silesia.

"My husband was a (German) soldier and disappeared during the war. He once told me, 'be sure to wait for me at home. Because then I'll know where to find you,'" said Mrs Dittich. "Unfortunately, that was not to happen."

Mrs Dittich is now 73. Her hometown is now part of Poland.

Millions of Germans were expelled from Silesia and other border areas after Nazi Germany was finally vanquished in 1945. Many of the surviving Germans still harbour bitterness over the loss of their homelands.

Annual rallies, newsletters and clubs across West Germany keep alive the hope, however far-fetched, that German lands forfeited after World War II would some day be returned.

And while history stands firmly against them, the issue has erupted as fresh controversy after former refugees won moral support from one of West Germany's leading conservatives.

In a recent speech to former refugees from Silesia, Federal Finance Minister Theodor Waigel angered the Polish government by questioning Poland's legal right to certain territories that belonged to Germany before 1938.

"German territories to the east of the Oder and Neisse (rivers) are an integral part of the German question," said Waigel, whose arch-conservative Christian Social Union is the Bavarian sister part of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats.

The controversy has dominated newspaper headlines since, with Waigel's critics noting that West Germany officially recognized Poland's western border in 1970.

Kohl, who had earlier encountered difficulty in mending shaky relations with Warsaw, reassured the Poles that Bonn was abiding by the 1970 treaty.

"No one in Poland must fear that we Germans are revisionists," said Kohl, using a word that describes a country moving vengefully to seek restoration of territories lost in war.

Resentment toward Germans still exists among Poles, who recall Nazi Germany's invasion of their country on Sept. 1, 1939, the German occupation and the other events of World War II.

After the war, about 40,000 acres of former German lands east of the Oder and Neisse rivers were transferred to Polish control, resulting in the forced expulsion of millions of Germans.

Many of the displaced, including Mrs Dittich, have vivid memories of 1945, when Soviet Red Army troops were battling German forces in the region.

She lived at the time in the Silesian farming town of Rosenthal.

"I fled with my children from the Russians on Feb. 9, 1945. We were originally supposed to leave by train. But all the cars were full, so we were loaded onto a horse-drawn wagon," said Mrs Dittich.

"The conditions were terrible. It snowed and rained. We were cold and the horses got sick. We stayed wherever we could along the way — either in barns or in schools and other buildings that were set up as evacuation centres," she said.

The refugees trekked south, and after a month's journey, found refuge in the Sudetenland, a region then controlled by Germany but restored to Czechoslovakia after the war.

When the war ended, Mrs Dittich returned to her home in Silesia only to receive the numbing announcement soon afterward that the region was being turned over to Poland, and Germans were being expelled.

Quote me

"I could see my name labelled on every newspaper across the USA, that two gay's had a fight and I could see my life going down the toilet right away." David Smith an Iowa sailor said in an interview as to why he didn't come forward sooner.

"If there are areas that need review, I hope to take responsibility and correct them." — Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno said during a campaign.

"The new world we seek is a commonwealth of free nations working in concert — a world where more and more nations enter a widening circle of freedom." US President George Bush said during a Netherland visit.

"Exciting, agitated, tormenting, hard and sweet; moving in their pain and joy, these 10 years of revolution to which we have come today, against all predictions and designs, have a positive balance for the interests of the Nicaraguan people." — Barricade, a newspaper of the Sandinista front, said about the 10th anniversary of the Sandinista revolution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bullets for democracy

DEMOCRACY to be precise is a Greek concept and the Western world has adopted it because it suits their natural inclinations and it is contrary to the Chinese or Asian way of life. Why do you think that the Chinese have to ape the West when it has a culture far more older, far more eminent than the decadent West with its homosexuality, sexual promiscuity, drugs (heroin, cocaine, LSD, petidine) and pornography.

The wages of sin are AIDS, herpes simplex, genital herpes, and other venereal diseases which are fast spreading through the world. The Chinese are right in trying to have a closed system with no contact with the so called Free World, especial in order to maintain the purity of their species. The westerners under the pretence of tourism are infiltrating the Chinese elite, instigating them, especially their high intellectuals, to openly revolt against a system that was created by the very blood of the Chinese.

True the Chinese wages are low, compared to the rest of the world but at least all classes of China lead a similar standard of life: the intellectuals are not paid

any more than the workers. It is because the wages are low that Chinese products can sell competitively in the world markets. China must try to earn to feed a billion people. Suppose there are strikes like in London. We would have spiralling inflation and a situation similar to that of the UK before Margaret Thatcher took over. Discipline in the economy in society, prevention of foreign inroads into the Chinese way of life these have to be maintained as rigorously as possible.

Take the Arab countries. Because of their strict penal system, the crime rate is almost nil compared to galloping crimes elsewhere. In New York Central Park, undisciplined youths aged only 12-15 years gang-raped a woman who is about the age of their mothers or elder sisters.

That shows how the moral system of the New Yorkers is very closer to that of the apes in the forest, not worth emulating. Children are brought up with no respect for their elders, while the Asian system encourages the worship of the parents and elders. When they decay this, replace it with a "Free" system, and call it democratic, you get what is happening in Sri Lanka where youths are on the rampage toting guns (AK47) and gunning down their own elders with no respect for their leaders. In Lebanon, guns and chemical industry-spawned time bombs, car bombs, and now plastic bombs wreak

carnage and destruction of the civilian life. The whole fabric of life is torn asunder. Moral degradation brought by the incursion of the Western way of life is responsible for such problems world-wide.

Democracy, according to the Western (American) connotation, is the freedom of the wild ass; democracy according to the Chinese way of life is an orderly, slow pace of progress by self effort, by dint of hard work (the Chinese work 6 am to 6 pm), not by exploitation (creating wars, ethnic strife to sell arms, hardware, bombs, and chemicals, nuclear material to make a fast buck from human misery).

What the students were doing was to make a mockery of their socialist system, instigated by the US embassy staff as they did in Iran. It was tantamount to treason. The punishment for treason is death, but it had to act as deterrent to others otherwise the whole fabric of Chinese society would be torn asunder.

The Chinese intelligence had unearthed evidence of foreign intervention. A few professors, including an astrophysicist whom the West wanted help to defect, because such intellectuals could make China — "Yellow Peril" — an insuperable superpower that could overtake the West. It was the Chinese who discovered gunpowder 2,000 years ago.

and Chinese physicians used penicillin in the form of poultices as early as 1500 B.C.

Chung Lee
Yangtze Province
Hunan, China

What is India up to in Sri Lanka?

THIS is the question that is uppermost in the minds of most people. EPRLF under the Indian Army is rounding up all boys under the age 16 and taking them for compulsory conscription in the Army. What happens to their education? Will they be forced to fight a war against Sri Lanka forces? Or will they disappear? This is genocide in action, its objective weakening the Tamil population who only asked for their basic inalienable rights. 10,000 Tamils were killed by the IPKF war on Jaffna. More than a million had fled the country. A hundred thousand are refugees in other countries.

So what does it mean by 'India is fighting for the Tamils'? Does India intend to replace the Jaffna Tamils by Indian Tamils? Perhaps to solve its unemployment problems?

Why does India have to play the role of a self-appointed policeman, even when

Sri Lanka does not want it? India's image as a non-aligned power is tarnished by its activities in forcing the Tamils into factional strife and encouraging them to kill one another. In this way the Tamils will be wiped out as a nationality. Perhaps India should wipe out other Indian communities in Singapore, Malaysia, Fiji and S. Africa.

Right now, Tamils are only concerned with saving their life. They are fleeing like the expanding universe into nothingness.

Tamils are not safe in their own homes. They are not safe in Sri Lanka. They are reluctantly allowed as refugees in other countries and could be kicked out at any time. The only consolation is that the whole world will soon be wiped out by a tidal wave caused by the warming up of the Antarctica, the coastal areas of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, the Maldives, Mozambique, Pakistan, Senegal, Surinam, Thailand and Gambia.

There will be at least 100 million refugees. The UN is warned to take contingency measures to tackle the refugees problem.

M.J. Thomas,
A.N. Varghese,
M. Samuel,
Matthews K.K.
and others

مكتبة الجليل

3 killed, 7 hurt in Lebanon battles

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 19, (AP) Three people were killed and seven wounded in battles in Beirut and South Lebanon today and Spanish diplomats said 34 of their countrymen will be evacuated during the night.

Police said one person was killed and four were wounded in artillery duels between Christian and Syrian forces in Beirut. Two others were killed and three wounded in artillery battles between rival militias in South Lebanon.

A source at the Spanish embassy, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision to evacuate non-diplomatic Spaniards was taken "because of the danger of random shelling."

The Spaniards were scheduled to leave by ship around midnight (2200 GMT) from the Christian port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, to Cyprus, the source said.

He said a family of six living in Syrian-policed Muslim West Beirut would join the evacuees in East Beirut, part of the Christian enclave that has been besieged since mid-March by the Syrians and their Muslim allies.

The Spanish ambassador, Pedro Manuel de Aristegui, was killed April 16 when a 240 mm Syrian mortar round hit his East Beirut residence during fierce shelling duels between the Syrians and troops loyal to Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun.

The source said the Spanish embassy, under Charge d'Affaires Norberto Ferrer, will maintain its skeleton staff, but he did not say how many diplomats would remain.

Evacuation

Most Western embassies are operating on reduced staffs in the Christian enclave, northeast of the capital.

The US embassy cut its personnel to less than a dozen shortly after the battles between Aoun and the Syrians broke out March 8.

There has been no organized evacuation of foreigners recently, but the US and British embassies have called on other nationals to leave Lebanon because of the fighting in which 420 people have been killed and 1,692 wounded.

Police reported that Syrian gunners shelled Christian ports north of Beirut, while Aoun's forces targeted Syrian artillery emplacements on the main seaside boulevard in West Beirut.

The Syrians daily shell the coastline to enforce a blockade to stop Aoun's forces getting shipments of weapons and other supplies.

The casualties in the south came in an eight-hour battle with howitzers and rockets between Israeli-backed militiamen of the South Lebanon Army and Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God.

A police spokesman said SLA gunners pounded Hezbollah strongholds in the villages of Mashgara, Madoon, Ain El-Tineh and Zilaya in the western part of the Bekaa Valley with 122 mm howitzers.

They scored several direct hits on a Syrian Army outpost in an abandoned government school in Mashgara, he said.

Give up 'greater Israel', tells US

Troops kill two Arabs

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Agencies) President Bush wrote a secret letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the end of June, endorsing Secretary of State James Baker's demand that Israel abandon its "unrealistic vision of a greater Israel," National Public Radio reported yesterday.

The letter, which resulted from a June 23 meeting between Bush and 11 US senators, also reiterated US opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state, NPR said.

In his letter, Bush endorsed comments made by Baker in a May 22 speech, in which the secretary of state urged Israel to give up on the annexation of the West Bank, cease the creation of new Jewish settlements in Israeli-occupied territory, and open closed Palestinian schools.

Funds put on 'hold'

'US aid illegal'

WASHINGTON, July 19, (UPI) Two members of Congress have held up a foreign assistance disbursement, saying it violates US law by funding Jewish schools in Israel, but the US Agency for International Development said yesterday the aid is legal — involving only dormitories.

Representatives Lee Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana, and David Obey, Democrat of Wisconsin, have put a "hold" on disbursements for a \$35 million programme for American schools and hospitals abroad.

The programme assists private, non-profit institutions — including the American universities in Cairo and Beirut, and hospitals in Poland, the Philippines and Israel.

In the disbursement, before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, about \$5 million is designated for projects in Israel.

Several of them, according to congressional staff members, have a religious character, violating a provision of the Foreign Assistance Act that forbids any US funds "to train persons for religious pursuits or to construct facilities intended for worship or religious instruction."

In the bill, \$1.5 million is earmarked for Sha'alvim Teacher's College, which is described in its application as an institution for training Jewish teachers in the Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

The building of such Israeli civilian settlements is opposed by the State Department as a violation of international law and an obstacle in the Middle East peace process.

Bush reaffirmed American support for Israel's security and for an undivided Jerusalem. He opposed the creation of a Palestinian state and renewed assurance that Israel's military advantage would be kept, NPR said.

The Senate delegation, led by Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine and Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas, requested a conciliatory letter after Baker's speech to assist Shamir in overcoming expected opposition to a plan for Palestinian elections, the broadcast said.

The senators who attended the meeting were never given copies of the letter. Some of them, however, were told about its contents, NPR said.

Israeli security forces killed two Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank today and a suspected Arab collaborator was found shot dead, military sources and Palestinians said.

Hospital officials said troops shot and wounded 24 Arabs in widespread clashes with stone-throwers in the occupied Gaza Strip. An Army spokesman confirmed only two residents were wounded.

An Israeli woman soldier, Tova Maimon, 19, was buried after dying of wounds received two weeks ago when a Palestinian forced an Israeli bus over a cliff. Her death took the toll in the bloodiest attack of the uprising to 16.

American lawyer Rita Levine, 39, died yesterday of lung problems sustained in the bus disaster. Her body was to be flown home to Philadelphia for burial, US consular officials said.

The United States has also asked Israel to explain the arrest of an American-Palestinian woman detained after an altercation with Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank, the US embassy said.

Najwa Salem, 28, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was visiting relatives in Beita, a village near Ramallah, when Israeli soldiers arrested her on Monday morning.

In Amman, some Palestinians in this refugee-heavy city fasted today in response to a call by leaders of the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Hundreds of fasting Palestinians, gathered at the Palestinian embassy in Kuwait in a show of support for their brethren in occupied Palestine, today poured praise on Kuwait's solid support of the Palestinian intifada.

In particular, they praised HH the Amir for his generous backing of the Palestinian struggle and enthusiastic support of the 19-month old Palestinian intifada.

Israel, PLO in secret talks

Compromise made to end crisis

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 19, (AP) An Israeli cabinet member and a senior official of the PLO held a secret, indirect meeting here last month with a former Dutch foreign minister acting as intermediary, Dutch and PLO officials confirmed today.

On June 26, Abdullah Hourani, member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee, held "indirect and triangular" talks with Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy finance minister, according to the PLO's representative in the Netherlands, Afif Safieh.

Max van der Stoep, who was Dutch foreign minister from 1973-77 and from 1981-82, acted as intermediary in the meetings in this diplomatic capital, Safieh told the Associated Press.

Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman Peter van Vliet confirmed Van der Stoep's role in the Israeli-PLO contacts, but would give no further details.

"We were kept informed by Van der Stoep, but this is no initiative of the Foreign Ministry," Van Vliet said. Van der Stoep was not immediately available for comment.

The PLO said today it approved of meetings between Israeli officials and leading Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a statement issued by the office of spokesman Ahmed

Abderrahman, the Palestine Liberation Organisation denied that such Palestinians had been threatened, whether they met Israelis on their own initiative or at the request of the Israeli military government.

Meanwhile, three ministers close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir drafted a compromise formula today to end an Israeli government crisis over proposals for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories.

Under a formula drafted by Justice Minister Dan Meridor and cabinet ministers Moshe Nissim and Ehud Olmert — all Likud members — the cabinet would reaffirm next Sunday that only the government's original plan was valid "without the slightest addition or modification."

The United States has offered a one-day withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied Arab territories to allow for carrying out elections of Palestinians who would negotiate a final peaceful settlement with Israel, a prominent Palestinian leader disclosed in London today.

The United States has suggested to upgrade its political contacts with the PLO in return for accepting Shamir's elections proposal in the occupied Arab territories, recently approved by the Israeli government, a Kuwaiti daily said today.

Rebels capture troops

Fighting in Afghan town

ISLAMABAD, July 19, (AP) Afghan rebels said today they captured 800 communist troops, including a handful of officers, when they overran government posts in the eastern province of Paktia.

The offensive was launched last Sunday, but the rebel-controlled Afghan News Agency said details of the fighting didn't reach Pakistan until today. A second Afghan source, independent of the rebel groups headquartered in Pakistan, confirmed the reports about nine miles (15 kilometres) west of the heavily-fortified garrison town of Khost, 15 miles (25 kilometres) from the Pakistan border. A large percentage of weapons from Pakistan pass through Paktia to rebels inside Afghanistan.

The Afghan News Agency said the rebels also captured weapons and military vehicles, including seven tanks, five of which were in working order.

A second report from the Afghan News Agency claimed as many as 400 government troops were killed or wounded in an attack on the border town of Spinboldak, in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar. The attack, said to have occurred last week, could not be independently confirmed.

Hamid, of the Afghan Information Centre in Peshawar, said he had heard nothing of the attack. The centre has a vast network of contacts among rebel commanders from the seven rebel parties headquartered in Pakistan.

'Pressure Iran to lift death threat'

Campaign for Rushdie

LONDON, July 19, (Agencies) The author Salman Rushdie said today that despite the Iranian death sentence passed on him for blaspheming Islam in his controversial novel, "The Satanic Verses," he had received letters of sympathy from Muslim around the world.

But members of a distinguished Rushdie defence committee said the author was living in daily fear of his life, and that they had heard of bookshops in north London being asked by a suspicious person whether they kept stocks of the novel.

Following a number of fire bomb explosions at bookshops, and ritual burnings of the novel by Muslims during demonstrations in Europe and Islamic countries, the committee launched a fresh appeal today to governments around the world to put pressure on Tehran to lift the death threat.

The bespectacled, Cambridge-educated Rushdie, 42, was condemned to death Feb 14 by the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran because his latest novel, The Satanic Verses, is considered blasphemous by Muslims.

The international committee for the defence of Salman Rushdie and his publishers, formed days after the Iranian death sentence, has collected nearly 12,000 signatures from writers and readers around the world in its campaign to lift the threat against Rushdie.

The French edition of The Satanic Verses, headed straight for the best-seller lists when it finally went on sale today.

In little over an hour customers snapped up all 1,000 copies at one of the biggest bookshops in central Paris.

has sparked the interest of collectors, and there has been a flood of catalogues, exhibitions and even conferences.

Gaudy tourist kilims now sell as fast as knotted pile carpets in the Istanbul bazaar, and decorate homes world-wide.

Serious collectors have made old kilims an investment and one group now bids up to \$100,000 a piece for fragments hundreds of years old still being found in Turkish mosques.

Balpinar, who in 20 years as a former curator and official Turkish collector has seen innumerable examples, said dating old pieces was unreliable because patterns simply do not change.

"But I can sometimes tell the place of origin down to a single village or tribe, because the pattern is handed down from mother to daughter, probably for thousands of years," she said.

Some sceptics see the theory as far-fetched, including a claim that the niche pattern now used for Muslim prayer rugs in fact derives from religious forms far older than Islam.

But Balpinar cites a total 14 kinds of kilim motifs known today that she believes can be traced back to ancient cults in Anatolia, the rectangle of Asia Minor that is now Turkey.

The most striking of these is the mother goddess represented in dozens of examples of Stone Age figures in museums all over Turkey as fat and pregnant, with overflowing breasts.

This fertility goddess is also now the most common kilim pattern, called "Elbelinde" by weaver women and reproduced in scores of stylised combinations of head or body with hands on hips or under the breasts.

"In one village they still sacrifice a sheep before weaving an Elbelinde kilim," Balpinar told Reuters.



Water shortage

A Lebanese boy drinks water from a hose in Muslim west Beirut. Beirut is suffering from an acute water and power shortage due to the continuing rounds of violence (Reuters wirephoto)

Vienna orders arrest of Iranians

Kurdish killings

VIENNA, July 19, (Agencies) The Iranian embassy said today Austrian police had no right to seek the arrest of two Iranian officials in connection with the murder of three Kurdish activists.

Iranian Kurdish opposition leader Abdolrahman Ghassemlu and two other activists were killed last Thursday when a gunman burst into a Vienna apartment and opened fire.

Police yesterday issued warrants to arrest Amir Mansour Bozorgian and Mustafa Hajifadi, who according to the embassy were part of an official delegation due to meet the Kurds.

"These warrants are groundless," an embassy spokesman said, adding that the issue had strained relations between Iran and Austria. The spokesman confirmed that Bozorgian, who has a diplomatic passport, had stayed in the embassy until last night, but would not say if he was still there.

The embassy said it had no information on the whereabouts of the second man being sought by police, who is reported to have disappeared after the attack.

At least two Austrian plainclothes policemen with a photograph of Bozorgian were waiting outside the Iranian embassy today.

A fourth man, wounded in the attack, was a member of the Iranian delegation that came to Vienna from Tehran for the meeting. He was in a Vienna hospital under tight security but was not under arrest, police said. The Iranian embassy identified him as Mohamed Diafari Saharoodi.

Police said yesterday that arrest warrants had been issued against two Iranians, one of whom had helped Saharoodi when he stumbled out of the building where the shooting took place.

The Iranian embassy identified him as Amir Mansour Bozorgian and said he was also a member of the Tehran delegation. He had been taken into police custody as a witness after the shooting, but then later released.

While Iran has blamed Iraq for the killings — a charge rejected by Iraq — the KDPL, Iranian opposition groups and Iraq have charged that Iran was responsible for the attack. The Iranian embassy has rejected the charges.

The Kurds are an ethnic minority of some 20 million living in Turkey, Iran and Iraq and in small enclaves of about 500,000 each in Syria and the Soviet Union.

Iran Air victims reject US offer

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19, (UPI) An attorney for the families of 97 passengers killed when a Navy ship shot down an Iran Air jetliner last year denounced the proposed US settlement yesterday and pledged to press on with his lawsuit.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in San Francisco last month, said the accident was partly due to negligence by the crew of the USS Vincennes and the defective design of the ship's Aegis weapons system radar.

It named the General Electric Co., Varnes Associates, Harshco Industries and Computer Sciences Corp., all involved in the design and development of the Aegis system, as defendants.

On Monday, the United States offered what could amount to \$30 million in compensation to families of the passengers killed in the incident.

Under the proposal, \$250,000 would be paid for victims who were employed full-time, \$100,000 each for the others.

The payments would go to the six countries from which the victims came: Iran, India, Italy, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia.

Attorney Bruce Albion Bailey represents 97 families of the Iran Air victims, including the pilot of Iran Air Flight 655, Mohsen Resaie, whose children were born in the United States.

Another lawyer representing families of victims aboard the Iranian jetliner downed by an American warship in the Gulf last year expressed dissatisfaction today over a US compensation offer.

Nagib Y.A. Ghafoor, spokesman for the group, called the US offer, possibly worth \$30 million "woefully inadequate."

He said the money should be paid directly to the families rather than through governments acting as intermediaries, as the United States proposed.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Turkey names

ANKARA, July 19, (Reuters) Turkey, the NATO member with the largest armed forces after the United States, has appointed General Dogan Gures as commander of its land forces from August 30, a military spokesman said today.

"General Gures will be taking over from present commander General Kemal Yamak who will retire at the end of his five-year term," he told Reuters.

The 532,000-strong Turkish Army includes nearly half a million conscripts, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. There are a further 800,000 reservists. Turkey also has a 125,000-strong para-military force of gendarmes, national guards and coast guards.

Official talks

DAMASCUS, July 19, (AP) Former US Senator James Abourezk yesterday discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict and the fighting in Lebanon with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

The agency gave no details of the talks.

Abourezk is the chairman of the Arab-American anti-segregation committee and member of the executive council of the organisation of American-Arab parliamentarians of Arab origin.

The group wrapped up two days of meetings in Damascus yesterday with a speech by Abdul Kader Kadour, speaker of the Syrian People's Assembly or parliament.

Report dismissed

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters) The United States yesterday dismissed as mere speculation a report that French missile technology may be transferred through Brazil to Libya.

The Washington Times newspaper reported that senior US defence and arms control officials were worried that France's decision to transfer sensitive technology to Brazil could put intercontinental ballistic missile know-how in the hands of Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Prostate operation

TUNIS, July 19, (Reuters) Former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, 85, had a prostate operation today and doctors said he was in satisfactory condition in a Tunis hospital.

French doctors Daniel Beuron and Marcel Chauvin of the Ambroise Pare Hospital in Paris removed part of his prostate gland in a 45-minute operation known technically as an endoscopic resection, hospital sources said.

"The operation went smoothly and the state of health of former President Habib Bourguiba is judged satisfactory by his doctors," the Ministry of Health said in a statement.

2 killed in clashes

HAKKARI, Turkey, July 19, (AP) Six Kurdish guerrillas and two soldiers were killed yesterday in two separate clashes in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency said.

It said one clash near Cigili village began yesterday morning and continued into the night, killing at least two guerrillas and a soldier. The other near Yoncali village ended with the death of four guerrillas and one soldier, it said.

Anatolia said the clashes broke out when security forces, acting on a tip, launched a massive search operation for rebel hideouts in the mountainous area and located two guerrilla bands.

New ambassador

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 19, (AP) Iran yesterday named Hasan Dabir as its ambassador to North Korea, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Dabir's appointment was endorsed by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, elected Iran's supreme leader after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini last month.

Kurds expelled

NICOSIA, July 19, (Reuters) Tehran said today 1,500 Iraqi Kurds forced to leave Turkey and cross into Iran had been found in rugged border mountains in the past two days.

One woman died and two were injured as the refugee columns trudged through the bleak hills, the Iranian news agency IRNA received in Nicosia said. It did not say who expelled the Kurds.

Women breach line

NICOSIA, July 19, (Agencies) Baton-wielding Turkish Cypriot policemen wrestled with Greek-Cypriot women and arrested dozens who broke through the Green Line dividing the Mediterranean island on the eve of the 15th anniversary of a Turkish invasion.

Hundreds of Greek-Cypriot women stormed past UN peacekeepers in Nicosia to battle Turkish-Cypriot police in the buffer strip dividing the island witnesses said.

400 troops killed

NAIROBI, July 19, (Reuters) Rebels in northern Ethiopia said today that they killed or wounded 400 government soldiers in a July 14 battle near the town of Korem.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front said in a telex from London that it captured 114 government soldiers in the battle, which took place near the border of Tigray and Wollo provinces.

Woman assured

WINDSOR, Ontario, July 19, (AP) A Lebanese woman seeking political asylum returned to the United States yesterday after being guaranteed her children would not be taken from her.

Fighting back tears, Amal Marwan Abi-Jomaa loaded her three boys and her meagre belongings into the trunk of her landlord's car for a drive to Detroit.

Death for seven

ANKARA, Turkey, July 19, (AP) A military court today convicted 395 defendants of leftist terrorist crimes and sentenced seven of them to death.

In the mass trial of 694 defendants that lasted seven years, the court sentenced 39 people to life imprisonment while 349 others received prison terms ranging from one to 21 years.

The court acquitted 299 defendants.

The defendants were accused of membership in the outlawed Dev-Yol (Revolutionary Road) organisation.

The charges included several assassinations, attempted murders and armed robberies. The defendants were also accused of attempting to establish a communist dictatorship in NATO-member Turkey.

Turkish courts announce sentences immediately after the verdict.

Oguzhan Muftuoglu, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, protested that the panel of three military judges were representatives of the former military regime.

"You are not legitimate, your verdict has no legal worth," he said.

Defendants shouted slogans such as "Long live revolution" and "Damn fascism and the junta regime" after the verdict was announced.

Anatolian rugs shed new light on Turkey's past

ISTANBUL, July 19, (Reuters) Turkey's Anatolian kilim rugs, once used as export wrappings for more valuable pile carpets, have soared in value as they have become prized by collectors.

And now new research says they date back to the Stone Age.

Historians say women weavers in many Turkish villages have for 9,000 years preserved patterns that may shed new light on the region's forgotten social and religious past.

"We have found evidence in Turkey of the oldest woven textiles yet found in the world, and there is a direct line of descent to kilims still being woven today," British archaeologist James Mallart said.

Mallart, Turkish kilim expert Bekir Balpinar and West German photographer Udo Hirsch are to publish later this year a study comparing archaeological remains with present-day kilims.

"I think it's very exciting. It's a very respectable theory and I'm dying to see the book," said Alan Marcuson, editor of Hall, London's authoritative Oriental carpet trade magazine.

Mallart said he first made the link in 1961 when excavation of a late Stone Age site at Catalhuyuk, east of Ankara, produced evidence of geometric patterns and textile wall hangings.

"My Turkish colleagues immediately said, 'those are kilims'," Mallart told Reuters. "But nobody then knew what kilims were, so we had nothing scientific to go on."

Until about 10 years ago the flat-weave wool rugs were still being ignored by carpet collectors. They were highly prized in Turkish villages, but were known to the outside world only when they were used as wrappings for the more valuable pile carpets.

Since then their low price compared with pile carpets

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

JULY 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouria. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a supergirl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee, Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

Exhibition
JULY 20-22: Foxton Property Search is holding a three-day exhibition at the Kuwait International Hotel. Exhibition hours are from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm. A range of properties will be presented. Private consultation can be arranged with Tim Brown from Foxtons until July 25 at the hotel.

Swissair results for May

SWISSAIR increased system-wide tonne-kilometre capacity by two per cent in May compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The modest rise in production was more than absorbed by tonne-kilometre demand, which was some eight per cent up on the year-to-date period. A tonne-kilometre is one tonne carried a distance of one kilometre. Both seat load factor and overall load factor rose from 60 to 64 per cent.

Passenger traffic increased by 11 per cent, cargo volume rose by two per cent. Mail carryings remained at 1988 levels. A total of 743,322 passengers (1988, 685,132) and 23,011 tonnes of cargo (1988, 22,681) were carried in the month under review.

A geographical breakdown of results shows a strong upturn in Middle East traffic, clearly heading the regions with a rise of 21 per cent. The North Atlantic performed well, up a sizeable 10 per cent.

Increases were also recorded for Europe, plus two per cent, and Africa plus six per cent. The six per cent decline in Latin America traffic was broadly in line with the region's reduced capacity.

Total revenues rose 15 per cent, total costs before depreciation increased by 16 per cent.

Al Mosawi and Khayat in European debut

ZARAGOZA (Spain): Marlboro drivers Abbas Al Mosawi (Qatar) and Mandouh Khayat (Saudi Arabia) make their European rally debut today in the Baja Aragon Raid, Spain. Both Arab drivers will pilot 250 bhp Mitsubishi Pajeros.

With a true international field of 350 crews, today's 'prologue' will decide the start order for the event proper, which starts tomorrow at 6.00 am.

"A good time in the prologue will avoid being stuck behind slower vehicles in the raid and hopefully, reduce dust problems," said Marlboro Mitsubishi team co-ordinator Janne Lindstrom.

The top place in today's leg is expected to be set by the Peugeot 405's of ex-world rally champion Ari Vatanen, along with his team-mates Jacky Ickx and Andrea Zanussi.

"Against such tough opposition it is difficult to judge your competitiveness until you compare times," said Al Mosawi who leads the 1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge and was nominated as Mitsubishi

Bangladesh Association
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

Eid Mela
JULY 28: Eid Anando Mela organised by Nirhar Cultural Group will be held at the Bangladesh embassy premises at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but it is advisable to collect your gate pass. For details please contact Tel: 3725675, 4313066, 4315759, 4315692.

Farewell pictures
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armit, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satirical evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140, Annet 2439249 after 6 pm.

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare

and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang—Tel: 483447.

Independents ball
AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3,000 per child, KD4,500 per adult.

Louluwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese 'forrouj', chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2,500.

Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

At the Meridien

UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salmiya Complex.

At the Sheraton HUNT ROOM: Halibut promotion starts at the Hunt Room from June 12 to June 17 89 where some of the best of preparations make their way to the table of the diners. Live entertainment by Ewa Kaminska.

Coffee Shop: Ice coupe promotion starts at the Coffee Shop as of June 18 to June 24 cool off with some delicious combinations and have a day to remember.

Al Hambra: Daily lunch buffet, entertainment nightly by the Lords. Oriental buffet for dinner. Al Hambra is closed on Friday.

La Tarbouche: Daily lunch and dinner a La Carte. The Arab world specialties continues every Thursday featuring specialties from the Arab world cuisine.

Riccardo: Enjoy the best of Italian cuisine with home made pasta at the Riccardo everyday for lunch and dinner. The Eccevisse promotion starts from June 24 to 29, entertainment by the Sienna Duo. Riccardo is closed on Friday.

SPORTS

Keep Fit
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.29 am
Zuhr	11.54 am
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.47 pm
Isha	8.56 pm

FRIDAY

Fajr	3.30 am
Friday prayer	11.54 am
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.47 pm
Isha	8.15 pm

KTV 1

9.00	The Opening and Holy Quran
9.15	Sabah Al Khair: local programme
9.30	Cartoons
10.00	Magazine d'Actualite
10.15	Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial (part 8)
11.15	Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial
12.05	Al Hesn: Foreign sports programme
1.00	News Summary
1.05	The World Today via Satellite
1.30	Floune: cartoon serial
2.15	Al Shams Baad Al Ghoyoub: Arabic serial (last part)
3.30	Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial
4.00	Shams Al Shomous: local children play
6.30	Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
7.30	Looking for Adventure: cultural programme
8.00	Maa Al Islam: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour
9.00	News in Arabic
10.00	Haribat Min Al Madhi: daily Arabic serial (part 5)
10.45	Ya Sadiq Kam Towawi: Arabic Feature film
12.15	Variety programme
1.15	News Summary
1.20	The World Today via



The guest artist Sabah on KTV 1 at 10.45 pm on Friday.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

Satellite	1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown
FRIDAY	9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.25	Cartoons
10.00	Magazine d'Actualite
10.15	Variety
10.45	Al Ahadeeth Al Mawdoos: religious programme presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismail
11.15	Friday prayers
12.30	Alwan: Variety programme
1.00	News Summary
1.05	The World Today via Satellite
1.30	Friday Break: Variety programme, prepared and presented by KTV Variety Department
4.00	Binat Antar: Arabic Feature film
6.30	Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
7.00	Kuwait in a Week: local programme
8.00	Cultural Programme
8.45	Hadeeth Al Osboos: religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00	News in Arabic
10.00	Wrestling
10.45	Kalima: variety programme, guest artist Sabah
12.00	News Summary
12.05	The World Today via Satellite
12.30	Holy Quran and Closedown



Breaking Away crew on KTV2 at 8.30 pm on Friday.

KTV 2

6.00	Opening and Holy Quran
6.10	The Real Ghost Busters: A cartoon series for children
6.30	Take Hart: Educational programme for children
7.00	Industrious Bees: Interviews held with bee-keepers and their methods in harvesting their honey
7.30	T and T "Playing with Fire"
8.00	News in English
8.30	Beauty and the Beast "A Distant Shore" Catherine leaves for a far away city in a mission regarding a major witness in an important case where Vicent is kept in a weightless state...
9.30	Paul Daniel's Magic Show
10.30	Feature film "Right of Way": starring Bette Davis, James Stewart. A loving husband and wife decided to commit suicide after they realise that the allergy, wife has, is incurable...
12.15	News in Brief
12.30	Magazine d'Actualite

FRIDAY	6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10	Silver Hawks: A cartoon series for children
6.30	Inter Bang: Williner, the professor and the young Bruno and Gianni encounter many difficulties from the killer's brother...
7.00	A Walt Disney "Meet the Munceys": A son of well known family falls in love with a maid-servant who inherited millions of dollars...
8.00	News in English
8.30	Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts in Kuwait
8.45	Around the World
9.15	Miami Vice "Mirror Image"
10.00	Open All Hours: The grocer's assistant attempts to appear as a beautiful girl...
10.30	Moonlighting "Between a Yuck and a Hard Place"
11.30	News in Brief
11.45	Magazine d'Actualite

Flassik presents Caribbean Night

TUNE in your your vibrations to the sensuous music band of the Caribbean! Have a night filled with the exotic aura of the mystical islands! Join Flassik 89 in their summer dance presentation of 'Caribbean Night' on July 22 at 5 pm, at the Holiday Inn Al Andalus supper club. The night will feature surprises that tantalise the imagination with the magic of the Caribbeans. The highlight of the affair will be the selection and coronation of the "Calypso Queen," who will be awarded with fabulous prizes and gifts surprises.

This project of Flassik '89 is primarily directed to raise fund that will help to uplift the welfare of our less fortunate countrymen. The organisation expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the generous sponsors of this project — advocate Mohammad Ziad Al Awadhi, and Adnan Khalil of Far East Restaurant. Special thanks is extended to Red Dimaculangan for special services.

Tickets at KD5 are available at the Far East Restaurant, Ambassador Stores, Mabuhay Restaurant, Anak Restaurant, and from the Flassik officers and members.

For the month of August, Flassik '89 is launching its next project called, "Search For The

Voice Of The '90's. The organisation is inviting all those who are gifted with a melodious voice to join this prestigious singing contest. Entries are divided into two categories — the solo and the duo. Don't ever miss this opportunity to express one's hidden talents. Marvellous prizes await the winners. Submission of entries is now open to all. The contest will be held on August 25, in one of the leading hotels in Kuwait.

For more details, please contact: Miss Charlie Nepumoceno, Tel: 5624509; Miss Esther Madamba, Tel: 5312700, loc 4221; Miss Rose Formantes, Tel: 4843601.

In latest developments, Flassik '89 continuously fulfills its dedication to the Filipino community, in spite of the active participation of the officers and members at the Palarong Pilipino, Last Thursday, the executive board of the organisation visited their imprisoned countrymen at the Dahiya prison centre and Sulabiya national prison centre. Food and some basic daily personal needs were distributed, not to mention the psychological help extended. The welfare referral programme is actively still on the go.



Al Mosawi

Driver of the Year for 1988. The rally real starts tomorrow at 6.00 am and involves a 800 km non-stop sprint across mixed terrain before the final twelve hours later. With service and refuelling time considered for penalty time, the crews will be pushed to their physical limits.

"I expect we will have an advantage over the Europeans by being more accustomed to competitive driving in the

heat," said Khayat who is from Jeddah and is second to Al Mosawi in the 1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge series. The participation of the Qatar and Saudi drivers in Spain makes the first time that two Arab drivers have contested a European Raid event together. Al Mosawi will be partnered by Irishman Bobby Wiles while Khayat teams up with Dubai based navigator, Julian Raymond.



NBK appoints Dennis

DUE to consistently rising market demand for its global investment management services, The National Bank of Kuwait has appointed George Dennis to head International Fund Management activities in London to oversee the operations of its two European-based investment management subsidiaries.

Operating out of NBK's London offices, Dennis will be in charge of NBK Investment Management Limited in London and NBK Finance SA in Geneva, which manage a substantial volume of funds on behalf of NBK's large client base in Kuwait and the Gulf.

The two wholly-owned subsidiaries have played an integral role in NBK's successful strategy of diversifying internationally by providing investment management advice and financial products and services to its Middleast based clients, including government institutions, corporations and high net worth individuals.

Dennis' solid professional investment experience will further strengthen NBK's respected investment management team. Previous to joining NBK, he had held positions which include senior directorships at TSB Investment Management Limited and at the UK Post Office Staff Superannuation Fund (Postal Limited).

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait	Al Shaab Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street	Al Montasser Pharmacy
Al Mubarak Al Kabeer Street	Hawalli and Nagra
Al Kandi Pharmacy	Jabriya, opposite the Asian Olympic Council
Salmiya and Rumailhiya	Heba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street	Fahadheel and Almadhi
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy	Al Ahmadi, Ahmadi Central Market
New Khaitan	Al Fahd Pharmacy
Khaitan	Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy	Opp to Jahra Co-op

FRIDAY

Kuwait	Salem Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street	Near the Sheraton Hotel
Al Amal Pharmacy	Mubarak Al Kabeer Street
Hawalli and Nagra	Zaina Pharmacy
Nagra, Ebin Khaldoun Street	Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Seema Pharmacy	Baghdad Street
Fahadheel and Almadhi	Al Itihad Pharmacy
Fahadheel, Makkah Street	Jleeb Al Shoyoukh
Al Nomran Pharmacy	Opposite to Jleeb Shoyoukh School
Jahra	Al Najah Pharmacy
The Fourth Area, Plot No. 18	

CINEMA TODAY

Al Firdous	Kaal Chakra
Suresh Oberoi, Sadshiv, Amarpurkar	Al Fahadheel
Marzada	Al Jahra
Arabic film	Granada
Wild Force	Almadhi Drive-in
Arabic film	

Al Salabikhat	Pattana Pravesham
Al Jleeb	Sawaal
FRIDAY	Al Jahra
Raiders of Paradise	Granada
New Delhi	Al Salabikhat
Projects	Al Jleeb
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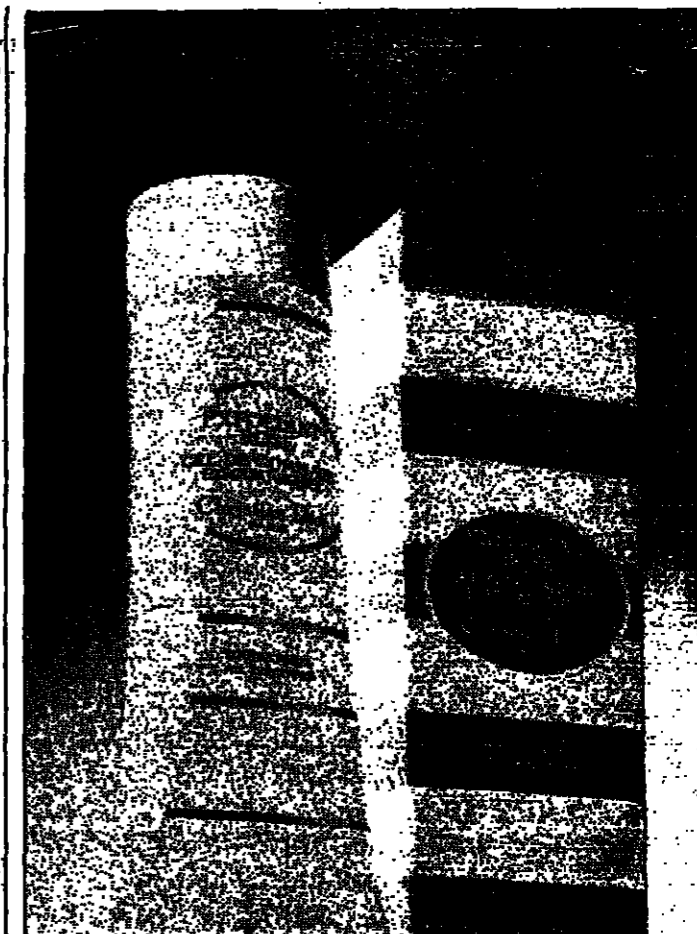
Overseas service training centre

TOYOTA CITY: Toyota Motor Corporation announced that it will open its fourth full-scale overseas service training centre at a site near Brussels, Belgium. The centre, scheduled to be completed in late June 1990, will further strengthen Toyota's after-sales servicing capabilities in Europe.

Tentatively called the Toyota Service Training Centre of Europe, the new facility is being established as a part of Toyota's efforts to keep abreast of recent advances in automobile technology and increasingly sophisticated automotive electronics.

The new 1-billion yen centre will feature a wide variety of the latest teaching materials and high-tech facilities and equipment, such as a chassis dynamometer and electronics-related diagnostic and audio-visual equipment. Also included in the total floor space of 4,000 m² are conference rooms, classrooms, and training shops to cover all types of service training.

The centre is intended to train technical instructors of Toyota's European distributors and to continue the effort of providing a higher degree of customer satisfaction.



Exfoliant Rose

Now Christian Dior introduces exfoliant Rose gel, which is used to free epidermis from the dead skin cells. The gel has a double action, as an exfoliant and a softener. Micro spheres, perfectly round associated with a gentle cleansing agent, eliminate dead skin cells without irritating the skin. Other micro capsules, filled with pure mineral oils release their contents during the massage to soften their skin. Exfoliant Rose may be recommended to all women and for any skin type.



A dinner party was held in honour of Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesar, the new President of Pakistan Peoples Club by Rafiq Ahmed Mirza, general secretary of Pakistan Peoples Club. Picture shows from right Bashir A. Shaliki, commercial attaché, Said Akbar Afradi, first secretary of Pakistan Embassy, Dr Riaz fifth from right and Rafiq A. Mirza sixth from right.

مكتبة الجولف

US hard pressed to help money demands

WASHINGTON, July 19, (AP): President George Bush went to Europe with an open checkbook, but not with carte blanche to help the many countries and causes tugging at his sleeve.

In fact, he left disappointed people everywhere — in Warsaw, at the headquarters of the Solidarity trade union in Gdansk, at the seven-nation economic summit in Paris, and even in the Dutch capital of the Hague.

"Everybody wants the United States to pick up the check for everything," Bush said as he returned home yesterday from the 9,000-mile (14,500-kilometre) journey.

He said a group of Dutch legislators wanted US funding for international environmental cleanup programmes.

"They understand we are not rolling in money because of our deficit," he said, returning home only hours after his administration issued its semi-annual economic prediction forecasting slower growth and higher interest rates than earlier projections.

However, it said the US budget deficit would be lower this year than had been expected — \$148.3 billion, down sharply

from the 164 billion the administration was predicting in February. A \$13 billion increase in expected tax receipts accounts for most of the drop.

From the start, the administration sought to play down hopes of US munificence.

"This is really not a trip to bestow economic largesse," Secretary of State James Baker said in a television interview on Bush's first day in Poland.

In fact, the aid package that Bush unveiled in the Polish parliament was a drop in the bucket of Poland's urgent needs.

In hard cash, Bush promised to ask Congress for \$100 million to help private entrepreneurs and another \$15 million to fight pollution in the city of Krakow.

He also pledged to ask US allies to increase their aid to Poland — which he did later that week in Paris — and to encourage the World Bank to provide \$325 million in loans for Polish agriculture and industry.

The day he left, the Polish government issued copies of a letter it had sent the seven-nation Paris summit, asking for \$4.3

billion in loans and debt relief.

In the Baltic Sea port of Gdansk, Solidarity chief Lech Walesa invited the Bushes to his home for lunch — and asked for \$10 billion to help Poland. In newspaper commentary the next day, the Solidarity daily said Bush's gift "disappointed many people," although it praised the intentions it reflected.

In Hungary, Bush's next stop, he left behind a promise of \$25 million to encourage private enterprise and of 60 American peace corps volunteers to teach English. The money grant was calculated according to the country's population, which is about one-fourth that of Poland's.

On to Paris, where Bush encountered an embarrassing situation: leaders of some two dozen developing nations were invited by left-leaning French President Francois Mitterrand to participate in the bicentennial parties of the French Revolution and to mingle with their richer counterparts.

The Third World group took advantage of the setting to issue a call for an urgent North-South dialogue, between developed and developing nations, to dis-

cuss economic and environmental programme. But the United States and Britain rebuffed the suggestion, and Mitterrand promised to support it — at a later date.

The solution to the problems of the Third World countries, advised Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, was on a case-by-case basis, not by "bunching them altogether."

Based on that approach, the United States sought to encourage a successful conclusion to negotiations between Mexico and its commercial bankers for a plan to ease the \$100-billion Mexican debt.

US officials were so eager to showcase that approach, that they indicated to reporters the agreement might well be concluded during the weekend summit. That was not the case, and talks are going on in New York.

In fact, Bush and other leaders — of Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada — issued a communique at the end of their annual gathering sternly admonishing private banks to be more realistic in their expectations from Third World debtors and cut their debts.

Dollar firms slightly

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters): The dollar firmed slightly today in dull European trading as dealers waited for Washington to indicate whether further cuts in United States interest rates were on the way.

The dollar dropped on news that US consumer prices rose just 0.2 per cent in June, the lowest rise for 16 months and a sign that domestic inflationary pressure was easing.

But the US currency steadied later, as attention turned towards the semi-annual report on monetary policy that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is due to make to Congress in Washington tomorrow.

Some analysts expect the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, to ease interest rates. Others believe it will keep rates high until inflation is firmly down.

"The market will wait until tomorrow for a clear signal from Greenspan before it reacts aggressively," said George Hodgson, head of economics at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers in London.

"Given the constraints on capacity in the US the Fed certainly doesn't want the dollar to fall too far," he added.

After opening in London at 1.8950 West German marks, the dollar dropped almost half a penny, but then regained ground in equal measure and ended at 1.8990 compared with Tuesday's close of 1.8930.

The dollar was largely inactive against the yen ahead of Sunday's Japanese upper house of parliament elections, but closed higher at 141.90 yen against 141.15 on Tuesday.

Shares rose across Europe, with London's 100-share FTSE index closing 19.4 points up at a post-crash of 37 high of 2,292.5 points and West German shares touching 1989 highs.

Gold prices fell marginally on the smaller than expected rise in the US consumer price index, but ended unchanged from Tuesday's close at \$371.75 per ounce.

Oil was also down some 20 cents, with North Sea Brent for September delivery trading around \$17.35 a barrel.

KD deposit rates mixed

KUWAIT, July 19, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar deposit rates were mixed in lacklustre trade today following the issue of 100 million dinars in 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers said the market seemed directionless, with rates varying widely from bank to bank.

Overnight jumped, dealing at eight per cent compared to Tuesday's offers of one per cent. Spot-nested next to 7-1/2 seven from 8-3/4 7-3/4, with trade reported at 7-1/2.

Little activity was reported in the fixed periods. One month was steady at nine 8-1/2, while three months eased 1/8 point to the same level.

Indian rupee	0.018060
Sri Lankan rupee	0.008640
Pakistani rupee	0.014200
Bangladesh taka	0.008110
US dollars	0.296700
Pound sterling	0.481500
Deutsche mark	0.156800
UAE dirham	0.080850
Japanese yen	0.002098

Bright forecast for UK oil output

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters): Britain's oil production has fallen so much the country is now a net petroleum importer, but the outlook for an economy which needs oil revenue is better than the numbers suggest, energy analysts said today.

The analysts canvassed by Reuters predicted that British North Sea production would rebound this autumn to around 2.4 million barrels per day (BPD), levels seen last year.

Stockbrokers county NatWest Woodmac say routine summer overhaul of rigs was the main factor pushing British output down to an average of just 1.35 million BPD in June.

But the effect of offshore maintenance was made worse by a series of accidents which have put a plug on production.

"The main causes were planned maintenance, the three-week

Despite problems

closure of the Forties field and ongoing maintenance and repair work (arising from past accidents)," Woodmac North Sea Oil analyst Matthew Shaw told Reuters.

Forties, Britain's biggest oilfield, was shut for three weeks in June to permit maintenance and construction work.

The drop in Britain's output left it behind North Sea rival Norway which has built up output over the last 12 months.

Norway pumped an average 1.46 million BPD in the first half of 1989, industry sources say, and plans to go up to an average 1.55 million — a third higher than in 1988.

Revenue from oil is an important part of the British and Norwegian economies. Norway has trimmed its output to help the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to

keep prices high, but Britain will not negotiate with the organisation.

Industry newsletter Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said this week that it may not turn out such a bad year for the North Sea after all. It cited the startup of new fields as a plus factor.

"The June figure is maintenance-affected," Robinson said. "The major work is complete now for most fields. I think output will bounce back pretty fast."

Woodmac's Shaw agreed: "We should see a steady rise through July, August and September. By November we should see British production back around 2.4 million BPD."

Barring unforeseen events, all British fields should be producing normally by then, Woodmac said, except for Piper — shut in since an explosion destroyed its platform last July.

Call to keep economies growing

Rosy review of summit

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, in a rosy review of the Paris economic summit, today hailed the progress being made to correct global trade imbalances but told Japan and West Germany they might need to do more to keep their economies growing.

Brady, testifying to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, acknowledged that Japan and Germany grew strongly in 1988 and in the first half of this year, sucking in imports that helped to trim their trade surpluses with the United States.

"But it is vital that both also be ready to consider additional macroeconomic measures if domestic demand growth falters," the Treasury Secretary said.

Previous American calls for faster growth abroad have sometimes been controversial. Although the United States has a



keen interest in ensuring expanding overseas markets for its exporters, Tokyo and Bonn have both had to raise interest rates this year to prevent their economies from overheating.

Brady said the seven countries at the Paris summit — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — reaffirmed their determination

to keep dovetailing their economic policies.

This process of international policy co-ordination was paying off, Brady said. World economic growth was poised to continue at least through 1990, inflation concerns were receding, and trade imbalances were being ironed out.

Brady shrugged off the 24 per cent widening in the nation's trade deficit for May, reported yesterday, to \$10.24 billion as a one-month hiccup in an improving trend.

"The latest trade figures confirm continued progress in reducing the US deficit," Brady said.

Economic policy challenges remained, however. Although the dollar was now not too far above the levels prevailing when Group of Seven finance ministers met in Washington April 2, exchange rates had to be monitored closely.

Greenspan to map out policy

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters): The US Federal Reserve will cut borrowing costs further if necessary to sustain seven years of economic expansion, but only in the cautious manner that is the hallmark of Fed chairman Alan Greenspan, economists say.

President George Bush expressed concern about a possible recession when he attended a summit of major industrial powers in Paris last weekend.

And over the past six weeks the Fed, the US Central Bank, has responded to a flurry of weak domestic economic statistics by lowering interest rates by about half a percentage point.

But Greenspan is expected to tell Congress in scheduled testimony tomorrow that a period of

slower growth is the remedy needed to ease inflationary strains and that he will not be panicked into a precipitous drop in interest rates.

"He'll say the economy is slowing and that this is not bad news if the slowing stays within bounds," said Paul Boltz, an economist with T. Rowe Price Associates Inc., a Baltimore investment advisory firm.

Greenspan will map out the Central Bank's monetary policy for the next six months when he presents his so-called Humphrey-Hawkins testimony, a semi-annual economic report.

While Bush might be getting nervous about the economic slowdown, many analysts say Greenspan has reason to be pleased with himself.

Siberian miners return to work after pay concessions

MOSCOW, July 19, (AP): Siberian miners began returning to work after the government granted pay concessions, but a strike that President Mikhail Gorbachev said threatened his economic reforms escalated today in Ukrainian coalfields.

The official Tass News Agency said 24,000 strikers in the Kuznetsk coal basin had returned to their jobs by today after learning the government agreed to some of their demands. It did not say how many miners remained on strike but called the partial return to work a "change for the better."

The government newspaper Izvestia said strike committees in four Kuznetsk cities decided to end the walkout and that coal deliveries resumed. State-run TV reported 150,000 Kuznetsk miners

remained on strike.

A correspondent said on the evening TV news programme "Vremya" the strike spread to 70 of the 120 mines in the Donetsk coal basin of the Ukraine. That was more than triple the previous number. Mine construction workers joined the walkout, he said.

The strikes in the country's two top coal-producing regions appeared to be the worst Soviet labour unrest since the 1920s. The Kuznetsk miners walked off their jobs last Tuesday, and those in Donetsk began striking Saturday.

Gorbachev told the Supreme Soviet Legislature in Moscow the strikes had deprived the nation of more than 1 million tonnes of coal and "there are reports of calls to railroad workers to join the strike

as of August 1."

"Such a development of events poses a threat to the implementation of plans projected by the policy of perestroika," his Kremlin chief said.

If the strike spreads to other sectors of the economy, he said, "we may have to take such extreme measures that it will hurt what we've been doing." He did not specify what steps would be taken.

A draft law on ending strikes and other labour conflicts is being rushed through the Supreme Soviet Legislature, Tass said.

The Soviet news media has said steel and power plants have been disrupted by sagging deliveries of coal and other materials.

Gorbachev said he and Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov sent a telegram assuring Don-



Freed Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky and his wife, Avital, leave the US District Court yesterday after he appeared as a character witness for E. Robert Wallach who is on trial. (Reuters wirephoto)

Racketeering trial

Scharanskys return to Israel

NEW YORK, July 19, (AP): Former Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky and his wife, Avital, returned to Israel before she could testify for the defence in the racketeering trial of E. Robert Wallach, news reports said today.

US district judge Richard Owen had said he would announce his decision today on whether Mrs Scharansky was qualified as a character witness for Wallach.

But the Scharanskys went home as scheduled last night to Israel, where Mrs Scharansky's mother is dying, reported two New York newspapers, Newsday and the Daily News.

Wallach's Attorney, Gary Naftalis, pleaded with Owen to allow Mrs Scharansky to take the stand on Tuesday because he said the couple could only stay for one day because of her mother's failing health.

"I'm not going to be rushed into this," replied Owen, who said he wanted to review the law before making a decision.

Wallach, a San Francisco attorney who is a longtime friend of former US Attorney General Edwin Meese, is charged with two others in a 21-count racketeering indictment with extracting almost \$2 million in illegal payoffs and payments from the now-defunct Wedtech Corp.

The charges include some \$525,000 in alleged bribes to Wallach to influence Meese and other government officials.

Before making his ruling, Owen questioned Mrs Scharansky outside the presence of the jury about her dealings with Wallach to determine if she knew him well enough to testify as a character witness.

She told the court that Wallach, whom she met in 1982, had been instrumental in alerting officials in President Ronald Reagan's administration about the plight of her husband, who spent nine years in a Soviet prison camp.

Scharansky, who was in court with his wife, was released in March 1986 and now lives in Jerusalem.

Wallach was available to her "night and day" to discuss problems and strategy in her efforts to free her husband, said Mrs Scharansky.

"Always if he promised something to me, he did it," she said. He never asked for compensation, she said.

Wallach sought help for Scharansky from Meese, President Reagan's National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane and numerous members of Congress, she said. He also introduced her to former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Assistant US Attorney Baruch Weiss opposed calling Mrs Scharansky as a character witness. He said Naftalis wanted to elicit specific information about Wallach's help with Scharansky and not her overall opinion about his character.

He said the testimony of Mrs Scharansky was "designed to appeal to the sympathy of the jury in a way that a character witness is now allowed."

ACC ministers to review ties

AMMAN, Jordan, July 19, (AP): The foreign ministers of Iraq, Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan gathered today to discuss widening co-operation and easing travel restrictions between the four Arab Co-operation Council states.

Tariq Aziz of Iraq, Abdul Karim Al-Aryani of North Yemen, Esmat Abdel-Meguid of Egypt and Marwan Kassem of Jordan were scheduled to open the meetings tomorrow.

A Jordanian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ministers would discuss co-operation between ACC and the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council.

The official said the two-day meeting would also include discussing of cancelling exit taxes and visas among the four states, which formed the ACC in February.

Aziz told the official Jordan News Agency that the ministers would discuss "a working paper which includes means of co-operation and co-ordination among the ministers of the four countries on the Arab and international arena."

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 20-21, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	CHG
ABBIE NAT	147.0	
ADT LTD	189.0	
ALD LYONS	510.0	
AMSTRAD	76.0	
ARGVLL GP	233.0	
ASDA GP	194.0	
BAA	335.0	
BTR	419.0	
BAT INDS	869.0	
BARCLAYS	479.0	
BASS	045.0	
BEAZER	87.31	
BEECHAMS	633.0	
BERISFORD	160.0	
BICC PLC	532.0	
BLUE ARROW	106.0	
BLUE CIRC	564.0	
BUC GP	517.0	
BOOTS CO	281.0	
BPB INDS	258.0	
BR COMM	170.4	
BR AIRWAY	203.0	
BR AEROSP	738.0	
BR GAS RG	189.0	
BR LEAD	386.0	
B.P.	308.0	
BR STEEL	74.5	
BR TELCOM	268.0	
BUNZL	144.0	
BURMAN OL	636.0	
BURTON	255.0	
CABLESWIR	516.0	
CADBURYS	459.0	
CALOR GRP	417.0	
CLRTN R.T.	820.0	
COOKSON	356.0	
COURTAULD	367.0	
DALGETY	397.0	
DIXONS	162.0	
ENGR CHINA	490.0	
ENTER OIL	630.0	
FBI BACK	179.0	
FERRANTI	88.5	
FISONS	325.6	
GATEWAY	230.0	
GEN ACCID	005.0	
GEN ELEC	263.0	
GLAXO	423.0	
GRANADA	352.0	
GLOBE	190.5	
GLYNED	319.0	
GUARD RYL	226.0	
GNL	432.0	
GUINNESS	524.0	
HARMON	790.0	
HARRISON	225.0	
HARRIS	172.0	
HILLSDOWN	295.0	
INCHCAPE	82.71	
JAGUAR	421.0	
KINGFISHER	336.0	
LABROCK	312.0	
LAND SECS	598.0	
LAPORTE	453.0	
LASMO	530.0	
LEGAL+GEN	358.0	
LLOYDS BK	367.4	
LOWRIE	303.0	
LUCAS IND	665.0	
MAGNET	206.0	
MAGNET AS	172.0	
MARKS+SP	195.0	
MECCA LEI	170.0	
NEXT	148.0	
NTN FOODS	352.0	
P & O DFD	685.0	
PEARL	526.0	
PEARSON	752.0	
PILKINGTON	44.00	
PLESSEY	260.0	
RACAL ELC	421.0	
RACAL TEL	365.0	
RANK HVLS	434.0	
RANK ORG	962.0	
REKITT+CO	208.0	
REDLAND	616.0	
REDFORD	429.0	
REDFORD	429.0	
RMC GRP	766.0	
REUTERS	772.0	
RTZ CORP.	512.0	
ROLLS ROY	194.0	
ROTHMAN B	620.0	
ROYAL INS	425.0	
SAATCHI	303.0	
SAINSBURY	266.0	
SEARS	135.0	
SEEDGECV	234.0	
SHELL	434.0	
SIEBE	562.0	
SLOUGH ES	371.4	
SMITH IND	327.0	
SMITH+NEP	142.0	
STD. CHART	350.4	
STC	394.0	
STOREHOUSE	149.0	
SUN ALLIA	300.0	
SUN LIFE	065.0	
TARNAC	309.0	
TATELYE	285.0	
TI GROUP	489.0	
TRAF HSE	373.0	
TSB	109.0	
T+N	245.0	
TRUSTEE	343.0	
ULTRAMAR	329.4	
UNILEVER	648.0	
UTD MNSP	453.0	
WELLCOME	455.0	
WHITBRO	358.0	
WILLIAMS	272.0	
WILLIS FB	282.0	
WIMPEY GE	230.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	983/4	981/0
600 GROUP	129/0	130/0
A.AMER TS	477/0	476/0
A.S.ELECT	379/0	378/0
A.S.W.HLD	266/0	267/0
AAB KENT	122/0	121/0
AARONSON	96/0	96/0
ADDISON	41.5	42.5
ADVEST	215/0	216/0
ALEX WRK	210/0	211/0
ALEXON	395/0	396/0
ALLD COLL	157/0	157/0
ALLD IR B	175/0	176/0
ALLD PART	75/0	75/0
ALLD TEXT	382/0	383/0
ALLIANCE	099/0	099/0
AMBER DAY	69/0	69/0
AMEC	465/0	465/0
AMER TST	160/4	160/4
AMERSHAM	470/0	472/0
AMH HLTHC	433/0	432/0
ANGLIA SC	214/0	215/0
ANGLIA TV	273/0	274/0
ANSCHACH	75/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	167/0	167/0
APV PLC	146/0	146/0
ASHLEY.LA	103/0	104/0
ATWOODS	473/0	473/0
AUST REED	408/0	410/0
AUTO SECS	303/0	303/0
AVESCO	157/0	158/0
AVIS EUR	432/0	433/0
AVON RUBB	533/0	530/0
B.WEINILL	270/0	271/0
BAILL JAP	536/0	538/0
BAILL SHI	93/4	94/0
BAIRD (M)	237/0	237/0
BANK INT	93/4	94/0
BANK INT	93/4	94/0
BARDON GP	194/0	195/0
BART DEV	184/0	183/0
BAYNES C	34/0	35/0
BBA GROUP	207/0	207/0
BEAR BRID	13/4	13/4
BEATTIE J	151/0	151/0
BELHAVEN	50/0	51/0
BELLWAY	231/0	231/0
BENROSE	246/0	246/0
BENLOX	68/0	68/0
BERKELEY	208/0	207/0
BH GROUP	149/0	149/0
BK OF SCO	100/0	100/0
BLACK L2	8/6	8/4
BK GROUP	486/0	483/0
BK INK NW	230/0	230/0
BNETT +F	105/0	105/0
BOASE HAS	362/0	363/0
BOODINGTH	179/0	179/0
BOY SHOP	818/0	820/0

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1903.2	1882.9	1882.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1295.86	1285.27	1285.66	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1170.28	1160.27	1160.56	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.30	86.40	86.50	87.03
FT GOLD	199.00	200.10	201.50	161.9
FT NINES F	676.94	674.52	673.71	653.25
FT OIL	2176.3	2149.9	2132.6	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	146.28	146.48	147.03	141.17
FT WLD STG	133.33	134.51	135.23	123.81
FT WLD LOC	138.63	139.09	139.14	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES FIRMER, JUST BELOW FTSE 2,300 LEVEL

AFTERNOON AS BID SPECULATION ENCOURAGED DEMAND AND STOCK SUPPLY REMAINED TIGHT. BUT THE PROXIMITY TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL 2,300 LEVEL ON THE FTSE TEMPERED MARKET ENTHUSIASM.

GAINS ON WALL STREET, WHERE THE LOWEST U.S. CONSUMER PRICE FIGURE FOR 16 MONTHS ENCOURAGED INVESTORS, HELPED TO BOLSTER THE MARKET'S NERVES. BY 1441 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 21.2 UP AT 2294.3. THE LAST TIME THE FTSE STOOD ABOVE 2,300 WAS ON OCTOBER 16, 1987, JUST BEFORE THE CRASH.

BAE AND ROLLS-ROYCE WERE THE DAY'S MAIN FEATURES AS RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR FOREIGN OWNERSHIP WERE EASED.

BRITISH AEROSPACE STOOD 22P UP AT 742 AND ROLLS-ROYCE GP FIRMER AT 196, AFTER THE RAISING OF RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF THEIR SHARES TO 29.5 PCT FROM 15 PCT.

DEALERS SAID A 0.2 PCT RISE IN THE U.S. JUNE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AFTER FORECASTS OF 0.3 PCT, HELPED OVERCOME NEGATIVE SENTIMENT THERE DUE TO YESTERDAY'S POOR U.S. TRADE FIGURES. BY 1440 GMT THE DOW JONES INDEX WAS UP 30 POINTS AND CLIMBING.

"THE MARKET IS STILL RELUCTANT TO PUSH MUCH HIGHER SO LATE IN THE DAY, BUT IF THE STREET GOES ON LIKE THIS WE COULD SEE PRE-CRASH LEVELS PRETTY SOON," SAID ONE DEALER.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 19, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED THE DAY TRADING QUIETLY STEADY WITH THE MARKET DERIVING LITTLE LASTING DIRECTION FROM TODAY'S U.S. JUNE CPI DATA.

GOLD CLOSED AT 371.50/372.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE AND COMPARED WITH ITS 371.40/371.90 OPENING.

DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS INITIALLY DEPRESSED BY A RISE IN THE DOLLAR AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE PRICE DATA BUT SUBSEQUENT BUSINESS WAS THIN AND FEATURELESS WITH THE MARKET EDGING BACK TO LITTLE CHANGED LEVELS.

CURRENT SUPPORT IS SEEN AT AROUND 368 DLRs WITH RESISTANCE AT 373 DLRs, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 19, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES RETAINED THE FIRMER TONE SEEN AT THE OPENING FOR SHORTER PERIODS AFTER A FAIRLY QUIET DAY'S TRADE, WITH U.S. CONSUMER PRICES DATA PROVIDING JUST ABOUT THE ONLY POINT OF INTEREST, DEALERS SAID.

THE CONSUMER PRICES INDEX, EXCLUDING THE VOLATILE FOOD AND ENERGY COMPONENTS, ROSE 0.2 PCT IN JUNE AFTER A 0.5 PCT INCREASE IN MAY. THE FIGURE WAS BELOW MANY MARKET FORECASTS, WHICH HAD CENTRED ON A 0.4 PCT RISE.

THE THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 FIRMER THAN YESTERDAY'S CLOSE AT 14 13-15/16 PCT, WHILE STERLING'S EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX CLOSED 0.1 UP AT 92.4.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
DLR	1.6235/45	1.8985/95	6.4445/75	NOON
STG	1.6190/6200	3.0760/75	10.4345/4490	NOON
DMK	1.8975/9055	3.0720/86	29.39/55	FIX
FFR	6.4455/4575	10.436/454	338.97/339.6	FIX
SFR	1.6430/6440	2.6616/6649	86.48/38	NOON
HFL	2.1445	3.4715	112.805	FIX
EDU	1.09082	0.673015	2.07272	CLSE
YEN	1.26067	0.785464	2.42258	CLSE
SDR RATE	18/07/1989	OTHERS	19/07/1989	NOON

NAME	LAST	CHG
BOOTH ENR	510/0	513/0
BORTHWICK	42/0	42/0
BR ARROW	117/0	118/0
BR ASSETS	83/0	83/0
BR DREDGI	173/0	172/0
BR VITA	284/0	284/0
BRENT CHE	138/0	138/0
BRENT WKR	390/0	390/0
BRIDON	204/0	204/0
BRITAIN SE	186/0	186/0
BRITANNIC	478/0	477/0
BRITANNIC	223/0	222/0
BRN & JAC	44/0	44/0
BROWN SHI	350/0	350/0
BRYANT GP	108/0	109/0
BSE INTL	83/0	83/0
BUDGENS	114/0	113/0
BULLOUGH	177/0	177/0
BULMER HP	187/0	188/0
CAIRO GP	562/0	565/0
CAMPBELL	294/0	294/0
CANNING W	283/0	282/0
CANNON ST	223/0	223/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	797/0
CARADON	327/0	327/0
CARLICO EN	133/0	133/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/4
CEINTL TV	783/0	788/0
CEINTL TV	214/0	213/0
CHARTERHA	23/2	23/2
CHLORIDE	39/0	39/0
CHRISTIES	293/0	290/0
CI GROUP	49/0	50/0
CLAYFORD	307.5	308.0
CONTR SEC	58/2	58/4
CNTRY OIL	162/0	161/0
COALITE	450/0	448/0
COATES BR	284/0	282/0
COLORADO	147/0	147/0
CONNELLS	205/0	205/0
COOPER F	132/0	132/0
COSTAIN	316/0	315/0
COURT (R)	143/0	143/0
CRH	204/0	204/0
CRODA INT	207/0	208/0
CRYSTALAT	114/0	117/0
CURY PROP	239/0	237/0
DARES EST	34/2	34/2
DAVIS GDO	176/0	175/0
DAVY CORP	271/0	271/0
DAMSON GP	138/0	140/0
DELTA GRP	364/0	364/0
DEVENISH	314/0	315/0
DEWHIRST	41/4	41/4
DIPLOMA	221/0	222/0
DOBSON PK	99/4	99/4
DONPAS GR	357/0	358/0
DONNINGHAM	79/0	79/0
DONNY GRP	270/0	270/0
DRAYTON FE	434/0	436/0
DRAYTON C	556/0	555/0
DRG	517/0	516/0
DUKEMISTR	71/0	72/0
DUNDEE LD	327/0	327/0
DUNWILL	371/0	370/0
EAGLE TST	17/4	17/4
EDIN 1.1	203/4	203/4
EDMOND HO	41/0	41/0
ELECTRA	306/0	306/0
ELECTRON	218/0	218/0
ENAP	240/0	240/0
ENESS	141/0	142/0
ENPSTE ST	180/0	180/0
ENG. INT. J	304/0	304/0
ETAN	197/0	198/0
EURO. HOME	203/0	203/0
EURO.ROTH	337/0	337/0
EURNTHL UT	081/0	080/0
EURNTHL UT	83/0	82/4
EVODE GRP	173/0	173/0
EX.CO.LOU	261/0	261/0
EXPANET	228/0	228/0
F&C ENTER	34/0	34/0
F&C EURO	321/0	321/0
F&C PACIF	184/0	185/0
F&C SMILR	84/0	84/0
FARNELL E	167/0	167/0
FED. HOUNS	181/0	181/0
FENNER JH	174/0	174/0
FINE ARTS	251/0	251/0
FINLAN GP	89/0	90/0
FINLAY J	115/0	115/0
FITCH LOV	280/0	280/0
FLN.H. INC	111/4	111/4
FLNG AMR	165/4	165/4
FLNG ENT	149/0	149/0
FLNG F.E	236/0	238/0
FLNG JAPN	245/0	247/0
FLNG OSEA	198/4	198/4
GERDMANAT	258/0	255/0
GESTETNER	285/0	284/0
GOODE DUR	137/0	137/0
GRAPNH ND	218/0	219/0
GREEN KNG	512/0	520/0
GREENLL W	323/0	314/0
GREYDART	539/0	539/0
GRUP TV A	67/0	68/0
GT PTTLND	401/0	402/0
GUINNESS	146/0	146/0
GUS ORD	600/0	600/0
GVT ORIE	384/0	383/0
GVT STRA	284/0	285/0
H.LND DIS	213/0	211/0
HALMA	287/0	287/0
HARMONSON	830/0	831/0
HATHN LE	70/4	70/4
HAZELWOOD	259/0	259/0
HEATHCOE	461/0	464/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/0
HELICAL B	348/0	348/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

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STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BAER HDGS	12750	12850
BALOTSE PS	2170	2140
BBC I A	4320	4315
BK LEU I	2975	2975
BK LEU N	2500	2500
BK LEU PS	360	360
CIB GEIG I	4175	4070
CIB GEIG N	3370	3270
CIB GEIG P	3070	3000
CKW O	0	1110
CRED SUI I	2570	2565
CRED SUI N	524	523
EG LAUFEN	1600	1575
ELKOTOMAT	3060	3085
EMS CHEM I	5700	5590
GLOBUS I	6175	6175
GLOBUS N	0	5900
GLOBUS PS	1070	1075
JACOBS S I	7000	6980
JACOBS S N	1375	1385
JACOBS S P	600	600
JELM I	2575	2550
JELM PS	360	365
LANDIS N	1125	1120
LANDIS PS	100.00	100.00
MERCK I	830	798
NESTLE I	7790	7730
NESTLE N	7345	7320
NESTLE PS	1500	1490
OE BUEHR I	1155	1155
OE BUEHR N	410	412
OE BUEHR P	0	370
ROCHE GS	19050	19050
ROCHE I	38500	38000
RUECKVER I	11750	11775
RUECKVER N	8400	8320
RUECKVER P	1835	1840
R YK TR BK	0	1030
S BUNGSGL I	3695	3675
S BUNGSGL N	810	815
S BUNGSGL P	123.00	123.00
S BUNVRN I	357.00	358.00
S BUNVRN N	300	302
S BUNVRN P	285	286
SANDOZ I	12300	12250
SANDOZ N	11650	11550
SANDOZ PS	2280	2235
SULZER N	5250	5250
SULZER PS	431	435
SWISSAIR	1190	1790
SWISSAIR N	1200	1170
SWISSAIR N	985	970
W THUR I	4640	4575
W THUR N	3550	3550
W THUR PS	755	748
ZURICH I	5390	5360
ZURICH N	4260	4270
ZURICH PS	2195	2195

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.25682	0.25682
Sterling	0.4772	0.48307
D. fr.	0.155940	0.15966
S. fr.	0.18001	0.18126
F. fr.	0.04591	0.04624
Lt. lira	0.0002151	0.0002186
Jap. yen	0.0020836	0.0020891
B. dinar	0.78385	0.78773
UAE dh.	0.08045	0.08083
S. riyal	0.07880	0.07917
O. riyal	0.08118	0.08158
Q. riyal	0.75715	0.75715

Interbank Rates

Interest Rates

Commodities round-up

KUWAIT, July 19, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-5/8	9-1/8
3 months	8-3/4	9-3/16
6 months	8-3/4	9-1/4
1 year	8-3/4	9-1/4

Commodities round-up

WASHINGTON, July 18: The chairman of the New York Mercantile Exchange said the two Chicago oil and the Commodity Exchange Inc. of New York disagreed on the two Chicago futures exchanges over whether curbs should be placed on dual trading.

LIMA: Workers at Peru's Raura zinc, lead and silver mine have returned to work after reaching a wage agreement with management to end their two-week strike, company and union officials said.

STRIKE: British Airways employees returned to work on Tuesday that after a fifth of the 37,000 dock workers who began a strike a week ago had returned to work.

MELBOURNE: The Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Co. of Australia Pty Ltd said it will raise its ex-works Port Kembla refinery copper price by \$20 to \$3,300 a tonne, and raise its base buying copper price by \$106 to \$3,341, effective today.

COMMODITIES: The price of gold fell to \$299.50 an ounce, the lowest since the start of the year, for about a year in early European business this morning.

N: The Chicago Board of Trade's soybean futures liquidation order
 ne impression in Europe that the CBT favours American grain

companies over their European rival Ferruzzi SPA, grain and oilseeds traders said.

LONDON: Ivory Coast is currently looking at bids from several firms for cocoa from its 1989/90 (Oct/Sept) crop but has yet to make any sales, leading cocoa traders said.

MELBOURNE: Australian Wheat Forecasters Pty Ltd sharply lowered its fourth forecast of the 1989/90 Australian barley crop to 3.56 million tonnes from 3.83 million in its third estimate a month ago.

STATE COLLEGE: US Midwest corn and soybean areas will have some major rains today into Thursday say of the Mississippi River but dry weather will come from the west by Friday, independent forecasters Accu-Weather Inc said.

WASHINGTON: Spanish zinc producer Asturiana de Zinc SA said the force majeure on deliveries of metal continued but should be lifted "in the next few days." The default on shipments to merchants began on June 19.

LONDON: Tin prices on the London Metal Exchange are likely to continue to fall during the summer lull, but may recover later in the year, metal analysts said.

CHICAGO: Cocoa prices have reached their highest level for five months on the London futures market but near-term direction is difficult to judge, dealers said.

CHICAGO: CBOT corn futures gave up one to six cents in early trade, up from the daily lows but under pressure from beneficial rains over key US Midwest growing areas and forecasts for more precipitation where needed.

STATE COLLEGE: Dry weather is becoming an increasing problem for spring wheat in the Soviet Union, independent forecaster Accu-Weather Inc said.

WASHINGTON: The Soviet Union imported 2.7 million tonnes of corn from the United States for the Communist Government said.

LONDON: An uneasy calm has settled over the world coffee market, as dealers stand aside waiting for manufacturers to rebuild stocks for the winter, analysts said.

HAMBURG: World oilseed output is likely to rise 6.6 per cent or 13 million tonnes to 211.3 million in 1989/90, figures from the newsletter Oil World show.

WASHINGTON: New US budget estimates show little room for funding farm disaster relief without the threat of exceeding budget targets, budget director Richard Darman said.

WASHINGTON: House farm leaders lashed out at the head of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), saying the agency should have sided with farmers who suffered when an emergency Chicago Board of Trade (CBT) near-term wheat sale grain futures plummeted.

MINNEAPOLIS: US soybean giant Cargill denied involvement with the Chicago Board of Trade's recent decision to order liquidation of large positions in the July soybean contract.

WASHINGTON: A report on the quality of 1988 US soybeans show only 14 per cent of the samples in the study had earned the US number 1 grade, down from 20 per cent that had the top grade the previous year, the US Agriculture Department said.

SAO PAULO: Brazil's official report for 1989/90 sugar exports remains 1.2 million tonnes, but internal demand could cut exports to below this level, the state-owned Companhia Saneamento said.

NEW YORK: COMEX gold futures closed slightly firmer across the board on a hint of a wide buying bid to a wider-than-expected US trade gap in May.

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Open shops or die, Sudan tells businessmen

KHARTOUM, July 19, (Reuters): Sudan has told its businessmen to open their shops or face death.

"Those who wish to...widen their wives and render their children fatherless will only have to keep their stores shut, bakeries idle and vehicles hidden," said Khartoum deputy Governor Lieutenant-Colonel Youssef Abdul-Fatah.

Abdul-Fatah's warning, repeatedly broadcast by state television last night was aimed at shop-owners and taxi drivers who have failed to reopen their businesses since the Muslim Eid Al Adha feast ended on Monday.

His outspoken remarks are the latest

blow by Sudan's military junta at the business community in an offensive that is sending shock waves through the troubled economy of one of the world's poorest countries.

Bankers and Western economists said the iron-fist approach was largely responsible for the relative success of the anti-corruption drive, but it also alienated and worried businessmen.

The junta, which seized power on June 30, has promised stiff penalties, including death, for those convicted of corruption during the three-year rule of deposed Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi.

Junta leader General Omar Hassan Al

Bashir has said Mahdi will be tried on charges of corruption and might face a death sentence.

Army-led special tribunals and investigating committees are in action and the public has been urged to turn in documents or other evidence of corruption under Mahdi's civilian government.

As part of the drive, Khartoum's military governor has fixed prices for basic items to stop profiteering and troops have raided warehouses where alleged hoarders kept their goods.

Businessmen said that scores of retail merchants had been fined or jailed in the past week alone for failing to report their

stocks or for selling goods above the official prices.

People have until July 31 to deposit or convert foreign currency into Sudanese pounds or face the death penalty.

The bankers and economists said businessmen were holding on to earnings rather than going to banks. Wholesale trade had ceased as many merchants were waiting to see what happened, they added.

This encouraged shortages of basics such as sugar, cooking oil and soap.

Sudan has been at war with rebels in the south since 1983 and was hard-hit last year by floods after years of drought. It

has a foreign debt estimated at \$14 billion and inflation is running at an annual rate of 80 per cent.

The 15-man junta has imposed an indefinite ban on all vehicle and real estate sales. Bankers said bank accounts of suspected black marketers had been frozen.

Businessmen must now show proof that they have paid taxes before they receive exit visas to travel abroad.

"The government has not done anything to give the private sector confidence," said an economist, adding that he doubted authorities could keep watch on market practices for long.

American consumer prices rise 0.2pc

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters): US consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 per cent in June, the smallest rise since February 1988, the Labour Department said today, as a sharp drop in oil prices helped cut the rate of inflation.

The small increase, after a 0.6 per cent rise in May, also reflected more stable food prices and lower clothing costs.

The moderation in the consumer price index, the most widely-watched inflation guide, indicates the economy is slowing under the weight of year-long rises in interest rates that ended this spring.

Recent indicators, such as weak June retail sales, back-to-back declines in industrial production and the moderation of wholesale and consumer prices, point to a slowdown in growth.

But inflation in 1989 is still higher than last year. So far American consumer prices have risen at a seasonally adjusted 5.9 per cent annual rate, compared with a 4.4 per cent rise for all of 1988.

While cheaper oil led the way, the slowdown in prices rises in June was fairly broad-based. The so-called core rate of consumer inflation, which excludes erratic prices of food and energy, rose just 0.2 per cent compared with a 0.5 per cent May rise.

Last week, in another sign of weakening inflation, the Labour Department said producer prices fell for the first time in 18 months. Price cuts at the wholesale level eventually show up on consumer items in stores.

Aeroflot bids to join IATA

GENEVA, July 19, (AP): The Soviet national airline Aeroflot has applied to join the International Air Transport Association, a spokesman for the Air Transport Industry Organisation said yesterday.

John Brindley said IATA welcomed the decision by the world's largest airline.

An International Air Transport official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Soviet flag carrier's concern that it might be barred from some airports by new regulations expected on noise control was one of the reasons for the application.

Government Civil Aviation Authorities are expected to discuss cuts in noise levels at a meeting in September, the official said.

He added the existing Soviet fleet of aging aircraft did "not meet all the standards."

Brindley said membership of IATA, an industry lobby grouping 187 airlines world-wide, would give Aeroflot to technical information on issues such as noise control.

Aeroflot operates more than 3,000 aircraft flying to cities within the Soviet Union and to 125 destinations world-wide, according to IATA figures.

In 1988 the airline carried 126 million passengers. But only 4 million of these were on international flights compared with the 16.9 million people transported world-wide by British Airways, the biggest international carrier, Brindley said.

Saudi bank profit surges

RIYADH, July 19, (Reuters): Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi said today net profit rose 31.7 per cent in the first half of 1989 to 60.8 million riyals (\$16.2 million).

Total assets also rose 25.8 per cent to 19.7 billion riyals (\$5.25 billion) but provisions were cut to 30 million riyals (\$8 million) from 35.87 million riyals (\$9.6 million) in the first half of 1988.

The bank is one of 12 commercial banks in the kingdom and the unaudited results were published in the local press.

The bank is 60 per cent owned by Saudi nationals and 40 per cent by Banque Indosuez.



Insider trading

Ian Johns is escorted into court yesterday to face charges of insider trading and blackmail. Johns, a former managing director of the Tricontinental Merchant Bank was also a former Young Businessman of the Year, is alleged to have made more than 1.5 million Australian dollars profit from insider trading. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bid to lure more investment

Joint venture law faces resistance

ALGIERS, July 19, (Reuters): Proposed landmark legislation to attract more foreign investment to socialist Algeria faces stiff opposition, with some lawmakers saying the change would betray the country's principles.

The draft law — part of sweeping economic and political reforms launched after riots shook the country last October — would for the first time allow foreign firms a majority share in joint ventures with Algerian state-owned partners.

Finance Minister Sid Ahmed Ghezali told the national assembly that the law was needed to spur economic development, hampered by falling world oil prices since the early 1980s and a crushing foreign debt burden.

A majority of the 50 deputies who spoke on the bill in a debate on Tuesday opposed key points, Algerian newspapers reported today.

If passed it would be landmark

for Algeria which since independence in 1962 has built its economy on ideological grounds of socialism and self-reliance.

The proposed law says an Algerian state partner must have a sufficient share of a joint venture to guarantee at least one place on the board. The media say this figure is 11 per cent.

Under existing law the Algerian partner must hold at least 51 per cent.

Another new feature of the draft allows for settlement of disputes through international arbitration.

The Arabic-language daily El-Chaab quoted deputies as saying, "we need to put before our eyes the fact that international investors are characterised by narrow and racist vision and make their investments in foreign countries for quick profit."

The official daily El Moudjahid commented: "The passion of

the remarks has virtually led the debate on the joint venture law to a kind of impasse."

A number of deputies requested more information and debate on the law, scheduled for a vote on July 26.

Others supported the bill in principle, but said it should be limited to certain economic sectors, such as productive, high-technology investments.

Only seven joint ventures have been formed under current legislation, in the fields of telecommunications, tourism, automobile assembly and oil.

Ghezali, introducing the bill on Monday, outlined the effects of world economic difficulties on Algeria and the need for foreign cash.

It is a question of using, like all other countries of the world, the money of others, their know-how and skill to develop and learn to better exploit (Algeria's) economic potential."

Plan to lift ban on exchange dealers

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 19, (AP): Iran's foreign exchange dealers, outlawed by the government since the 1979 revolution, will be allowed to resume business to counter the flourishing black market, the Iran's Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the independent monthly magazine, Eqtessad, Farsi for economy, as saying that reliable sources indicated that the move was designed to "end the present undesirable situation."

IRNA quoted the magazine as saying that the move by the state-run Central Bank was "expected to create order" on the money market.

The magazine quoted its sources as saying the foreign exchange dealers will be allowed to operate under strict regulations to be set by the government's money and credit council, IRNA reported.

At present, Iranian travellers needing foreign

currency have to buy it from the black market dealers at 15 times the official exchange rate.

Most of the dealers operate flourishing illegal businesses around downtown Tehran's Ferdowsi Square.

Since foreign exchange is in short supply in Iran's flagging economy, the government does not provide any currency at the official exchange rates.

But a limited amount of foreign exchange is officially sold to travellers at black market rates.

Legalising the foreign exchange dealers have been under discussion for some time. Some Iranian businessmen have suggested that the move was designed to let the government set up its own exchanges to benefit from the high, black market rates.

Although Iran insists on keeping its currency artificially inflated at 70 rials to the dollar, a dollar sells at about 1,000 rials on the black market.

Firm involved in illegal exports

Investigation under way

TOKYO, July 19, (AP): Prosecutors were investigating today a Tokyo machinery company's illegal exports to communist countries following the arrest of the firm's president for allegedly selling sensitive semi-conductor manufacturing equipment to East Germany.

Police arrested Hirokuna Matsuda, president of Prometron Technics Corp., on Monday for allegedly exporting the equipment, valued at 120 million yen (\$98,600) via South Korea and China in 1987 without Japanese government approval.

A spokesman for the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department said today the case against Matsuda was being turned over to prosecutors for further consideration.

The equipment, produced by Canon Inc. of Japan, is used for making integrated circuits by printing patterns into 6-inch (15-centimetre) diameter silicon wafers, according to Canon spokesman Hirokuni Nishigaki.

The equipment is on a list of items restricted by the Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Control, or COCOM, a Paris-based Western watchdog body regulating trade in strategic items with the communist bloc.

Nishigaki said Canon was unaware the equipment was shipped to East Germany until it was informed by police. He did not say when they were informed.

He said Canon exported the equipment to South Korea through a Korean sales agency after receiving approval from the Japanese government.

But according to investigators, Prometron set up a subsidiary in Seoul on June 27, 1987 to purchase the equipment from Canon.

After receiving the equipment, the subsidiary sent it to East Germany via Shanghai, China.

Prometron President Matsuda was first arrested on July 7 for allegedly supplying East Germany in 1986 and 1987 with more than 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of hafnium, a rare material that can be used in nuclear reactor rods. Hafnium also is on the COCOM restricted list.

While questioning the 49-year-old Matsuda about the first violation, investigators discovered the semiconductor case, police said. Matsuda remains in police custody and both cases are now under investigation, they said.

France, UAE sign pact

Tax accord

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, July 19, (AP): France and the United Arab Emirates today signed an accord to avoid dual taxation between the two countries, official sources reported.

The agreement was aimed at encouraging investment in both states, said Ahmed Al Tayer, minister of state for financial and industrial affairs.

Trade volume between the two countries is about 180 million dirhams (\$680 million), official sources said.

The accord covered individual investments as well as private and public institutions in the two countries, Finance Ministry officials said.

The oil-rich UAE has no income tax and this is the first accord designed to guarantee equal treatment for its petrodollar investments abroad.

The taxation accord bars personal income, company profit tax or any inherited capital to be taxed in either country, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It would lead in certain cases to a resident of either of the countries becoming taxable only in his country of residence for some categories of income, dividends or capital gains, the sources said.

UAE investments in France are estimated at 6-8 billion dirhams (\$1.6-2.2 billion), and French investment in the UAE both the same.

Both countries are also to initiate negotiations for another convention dealing with reciprocal protection of investment, the sources added.

Economy minister sought in Caracas

Smuggling charges

CARACAS, July 19, (Agencies): Argentina's new Economy Minister Nestor Rapanelli is wanted on smuggling and other charges arising from wheat transactions between Venezuela and an Argentine company, a Caracas judge handling the case said yesterday.

An arrest order for Rapanelli, who was only named to his post at the weekend, was sent out on May 26 in connection with his activities as a general director of Grandes Molinos Venezolanos, judge Luis Guillermo La Riva Lopez said in an announcement to the press.

Rapanelli is accused of taking part in activities in which Gramoven, a subsidiary of the Argentine grain company Bunge y Born, overcharged Venezuela for wheat imported to the country between 1983 and 1988, La Riva said.

Rapanelli, 60, was sworn in on Saturday to replace Economy Minister Miguel Roig, who died of heart attack on Friday, six days after taking the job of healing Argentina's worst ever economic crisis.

Until then Rapanelli was the chief executive officer of Argentine grain conglomerate Bunge y Born, the same post Roig had held until he retired in April 1988. He headed Bunge y Born's subsidiary grain company Grandes Molinos Venezolanos in Caracas from 1985 to 1986.

In Buenos Aires, Argentine President Carlos Menem, speaking before the judge's statement, defended his minister against similar charges in the Caracas newspaper Diario de Caracas.

Menem said Rapanelli, who on Monday signed an agreement with Argentine businessmen to freeze prices for 90 days in a bid to stem hyperinflation, had proof that charges against him had been dismissed.

"I had a chance to talk to the minister about the charges regarding alleged overbilling involving two Venezuelan companies," Menem said in a radio interview.

"Such a situation does not affect at all the Argentine government's operation nor the minister's moral standing... we will defend (him) fully," he added.

The Venezuelan newspaper reported that a judge had issued an arrest warrant against Rapanelli on May 26. Menem told reporters that charges against Rapanelli were dismissed in 1986.

In Caracas, however, the judge rescinded that arrest warrants for Rapanelli and eight other present and past executives of grains companies operating in Venezuela were still in force.

Judge La Riva told Reuters that outstanding charges against Rapanelli included contraband and fraudulent over-billing of wheat imports to Venezuela.

In the scandal, a Venezuelan government agency known as Recadi over five years distributed \$40 billion for subsidised imports.

Recadi was created in early 1983 as Venezuela's oil bonanza began to fade and exchange restrictions were imposed. Cheap dollars were lavishly granted via Recadi to private and public companies for imports that otherwise would have fuelled inflation.

But of the \$40 billion distributed, 6 billion is said to have been granted fraudulently, mostly by overbilling, personal connections or even outright bribery, contributing to the depletion of the nation's monetary reserves.

The scandal involved the executives of several multinational companies, and nearly 50 arrest orders have been issued. Most businessmen and government figures involved fled the country, many before the warrants were issued. Only a dozen arrests have been made, mostly of low-level company employees.

Workers to protest unemployment

Recession deepens

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 19, (AP): Reports yesterday that unemployment in Israel has reached a 20-year high captured headlines and put the Palestinian uprising on the back burner for a day.

The Histadrut, Israel's largest trade unions federation, said 800,000 workers will stage a strike for two hours Sunday to protest unemployment and the deepening economic recession.

Front pages of Israeli newspapers yesterday morning were dominated by reports predicting that unemployment will continue to rise at an alarming rate and speculating on possible government actions.

Radio Magazines, which normally review the day's major issues, devoted an entire hour to the economic crisis.

Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare officials said unemployment rose to 9.7 per cent in May and was likely to top 10 per cent in June, the highest unemployment rate since the late 1960s.

Official June figures have not yet been released.

The hardest hit by recession are immigrants of Asian and African origin who live in Israel's poorest development towns. In some of these, unemployment has reached 20 per cent. Women and Arabs also bear the brunt of employment.

Last month, mayors of development towns chained themselves to a fence outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office and then camped there overnight to press their demands for economic aid.

Angry laid-off workers have taken to the streets to protest.

On a morning programme of Israel Army radio, unemployed workers called in to get advice from officials of the state-run employment service.

The officials informed them of the demand for their skills in their hometowns and other cities. All were urged to register with the employment services.

Yaacov Kolani, an unemployed accountant from Haifa, called in to say he could not find work because he was over the age of 50 and suffered from discrimination against the elderly.

He said he could not get unemployment compensation because of bureaucratic snags. When Kolani was advised that he was eligible for compensation by law, he shouted: "Law, law, I need food."

His voice cracking with emotion, Kolani screamed into the phone: "I want a solution, a just solution, not just for me but thousands of others at my age. What happens if I don't get unemployment compensation — I still have to go to the grocery store."

Aliza Tamir, head of the Histadrut's employment committee, said the federation called a strike on Sunday to protest the failure of government economic policy.

"Since the new economic plan of January 1989, the government has done nothing. There are new plans, new words but on the ground nothing has changed," Tamir told the Associated Press.

Finance Minister Shimon Peres has been hard-pressed to bail out the ailing towns and industries with a growing budget deficit.

He also faces a Defence Ministry request for an additional 400-million shekels (\$205 million) to cover the cost of fighting the 19-month Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands.

US eases rule

Computer exports

WASHINGTON, July 19, (Reuters): The Bush administration decided to ease curbs on exports of a broad range of personal computers to the Soviet Union and other communist nations, US Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said in interviews published today.

Mosbacher said the move involved desk-top models such as the Apple Macintosh Plus, IBM PS/2 and IBM AT-class compatibles.

He said similar computers were readily available to communist states from suppliers in 11 countries, notably Taiwan, Singapore, India and Brazil.

The action, publicised as President George Bush returned from a trip that included stops in Poland and Hungary, applies to computers of any make with the equivalent power and speed of the IBM AT model, which is considered in the mid-range of personal computing power.

The move marked a shift in policy from the Reagan administration, whose hardliners insisted the United States retain strict controls on high-technology exports, including some of the products affected under the new rules.

The New York Times quoted Mosbacher as saying the relaxation would create new opportunities for US manufacturers to sell more widely abroad.

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MOON LANDING

Making that giant leap for mankind

er than the pyramids, I don't know what accomplishment by man even compares — Christopher Kraft, former director of Flight Operations, Johnson Space Center, reflecting on the significance of Apollo 11.

By William Harwood

ONLY 20 years ago July 20, two young Americans fulfilled an ageless dream and the rise of a fallen president when they stepped to a triumphant, heart-stopping touchdown on the surface of the Moon. Houston, Tranquility Base here, the Eagle landed." Astronaut Neil Alden Armstrong radioed from the Apollo 11 lunar module seconds after he and Buzz Aldrin ted their ungainly-looking craft to human-first landing on the Moon. It was 20:18 GMT, July 20, 1969. Roger, Tranquility, we copy you on the md," replied Astronaut Charles Duke in mission control at the Johnson Space are in Houston. "You've got a bunch of about to turn blue. We're breathing in. Thanks a lot."

ix and a half hours later, millions of earth-watched in awe as Armstrong stepped o the lunar surface at 0256 GMT and red 11 immortal words: "That's one small for man, one giant leap for mankind."

or one brief moment, the people of planet h were united as never before or since, hesses to humanity's first tentative steps another world through the magic of radio television.

For all the millennia that humans have lked on this planet and looked up at the ion and looked up at the stars, this was the

first time when two of us walked and worked and lived on another planet," said Glynn Lunney, a former Apollo flight controller.

"And in the big sweep of history yet to come, we may look back on this not as a technological achievement, we may end up looking back and seeing that it was the beginning of a new stage for mankind as we know it."

The pent-up triumph in Armstrong's voice — "the Eagle has landed" — signalled the successful conclusion of a harrowing descent to the Moon but more important, it sealed America's unquestionable victory in space race with the Soviet Union.

"I've said many times, maybe in some sort of egotistical fashion, I suppose, but other than the pyramids, I don't know what other accomplishment by man even compares with it," said Christopher Kraft, former director of Apollo Mission Operations. "It has the significance of the pyramids on the world."

At a cost of \$25 billion, the Apollo programme was evidence of the nation's willingness to dream bold dreams and to accept high risk, a clear and convincing demonstration of technological supremacy that was conducted in the glare of world-wide publicity.

"We're a nation of explorers," said Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins, who remained in lunar orbit while Armstrong and Aldrin landed in the Sea of Tranquility. "We started on the east coast, we went to the west coast and then vertically."

"Starting with the Wright Brothers, (Chuck) Yeager through the sound barrier, Armstrong and Aldrin on the Moon, it's in

our tradition, it's in our culture, it's a fundamental thing to want to go to touch, to see, to smell, to learn, and that I think will continue in the future."

But while 10 more Americans would follow Armstrong and Aldrin to the Moon's lifeless surface, never again would the space programme capture the world's attention to such a degree or garner the political support needed for equally ambitious programmes.

The flight of Apollo 11, then, was symbolic of both an end and a beginning. It was the beginning of humanity's exodus from Earth but it marked the end of the nation's willingness to provide unlimited support for the very exploration that symbolized its world leadership.

"We don't have a space programme (today)," said Eugene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon. "We've got a series of events, a series of shuttle events that can be interchanged one for the other and where do they lead?"

"We need a national goal, a national objective that reaches out a generation into the future. We're still arguing about can we afford this, can we afford that. You can't justify things the way we're trying to justify them. You need a major national objective this country can get behind."

That is precisely what President John F. Kennedy gave the United States on May 25, 1961, when he told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the earth."



Astronaut Neil Armstrong salutes the US flag.

Looking into the 21st century

Space: the final frontier

WHILE America marks the 20th anniversary of man's landing on the moon, the US Space Agency has a wish that includes a permanent scientific lunar outpost and a manned orbiting space station.

When astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Buzz Aldrin set foot in the lunar dust July 20, 1969, some scientists saw it as a logical step toward building a research base there.

But no overwhelming public or political support developed for such an expensive undertaking, and blueprints were shelved.

Researchers say the mineral-rich lunar soil could support crops grown under pressurized domes, and a commercially valuable gas, prevalent on the moon, could be returned to Earth where it is rare.

The scientists have a glimmer of hope in a document released last December by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Office of Exploration, "Beyond Earth's horizons — human exploration of the solar system in the 21st century."

It outlined possibilities for two moon bases among four potential manned expeditions. The other two involve flights to the

Martian moon Phobos and to Mars itself.

One of the moon bases envisioned would not be permanently staffed. It would serve chiefly as an astronomy laboratory where telescopes, free of the earth's obscuring atmosphere and interfering electronic transmissions, could study the most distant radio-emitting galaxies and search for extraterrestrial life.

The exploration, office plans puts this unmanned base on the Moon's far side, which is permanently hidden from Earth's view. Each of four successive four-person crews would work through a 14-day lunar day, setting up equipment delivered by unmanned cargo vehicles, before returning to Earth or an orbiting space station as a 14-day night begins. Staying through a frigid lunar night would require considerably more support equipment.

Once the observatory was built, the telescopes would operate automatically, sending images and data to Earth through a satellite orbiting the moon, or the ground could direct them to look at certain celestial objects.

Astronauts would return to the base every three years to service the equipment and collect and replace telescope film.

The second base, on the front side of the moon, would be permanently manned.

Many astronaut crews over several years would be required to construct an Antarctic-type facility, using raw building materials already there. The Apollo missions disclosed that every shovelful of lunar soil is rich in metals and silicon and that this soil can be mixed with water to form a type of cement.

Oxygen, the most abundant element on the moon, can be

combined with hydrogen to make water. Because oxygen is five-sixths of what rocket engines burn, the base also could serve as a tank farm for spacecraft flying between Earth and the moon or embarking for Mars or elsewhere in the solar system.

A lunar resource of potentially great commercial value is helium-3, an isotope of helium with three atomic nuclei instead of the more common two.

President George Bush is expected to voice continuing support for a permanent manned space station when he meets with Aldrin, Armstrong and their command module pilot, Michael Collins, on the anniversary of the moon landing.

But the political truth is that with the space station already facing a sharp funding cut, Congress is not expected to give much support to new projects.

Lunar landing lessons

WHEN two explorers first set foot on the moon two decades ago, they found a lifeless world, baked by day to 270 degrees Fahrenheit (132 Centigrade) and frozen by night to minus 230F. (minus 146 C.)

They found no wind, no storms, no clouds, no water, no magnetic field, the thinnest of atmospheres and gravity one-sixth the strength of Earth's.

"It has a stark beauty all its own," said Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon. Fellow Apollo 11 moonwalker Edwin Buzz Aldrin described it as "magnificent desolation."

Armstrong, Aldrin and 10 other Americans who followed them to the moon in the next 1 1/2 years returned with 842 pounds (382 kilograms) of rocks and soil. Among the \$517 million worth of discarded equipment they left behind were sensors that sent data on moonquakes, meteors, radiation and the solar wind.

Slowly, almost grudgingly, this trove is yielding secrets about the moon and its place in the solar system, even though virtually all of the sensors have stopped functioning.

A picture is emerging of a birth in searing heat, a brief, violent life of boiling lava and shattering collision, and geological death 3 billion years ago when volcanic activity ceased. The moon's surface has remained essentially unchanged since, except by impact from an occasional meteorite and almost imperceptible dusting from solar and cosmic radiation.

This stability means much of the history of the solar system during those 3 billion years can be read by studying lunar rocks. But the revelations go back even further because samples dating to more than 4 billion years and fragments at 4.6 billion — back to the beginning — have been found in the Apollo samples.

Most experts agree the solar system was born 4.6 billion years ago when great masses of gaseous matter called the solar nebula began condensing to form the sun and planets. The nebula condensed into debris, ranging from pebbles to miles-wide

boulders, that collided and fused to create celestial bodies.

Scientists believe the young Earth underwent the same period of meteor bombardment and volcanism that the moon did for half a billion years. The weak lunar gravity couldn't keep volcanic gases from escaping into space. But Earth, with its stronger gravity, held on to its volcanic vapours and they helped form an atmosphere and oceans, creating conditions for the development of life.

Because erosion, tides and weather have scoured Earth's surface, the oldest rocks found date back only 3.7 billion years. The older lunar rocks, therefore, are helping scientists piece together earth's formative years.

However, less than 20 per cent of the samples have been studied. The rest are stored in air-tight, nitrogen-filled stainless steel cabinets.

John W. Dietrich, Deputy Chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's planetary science branch and curator of the material, said the samples will stay there until better analytical techniques are found.

The rocks have not revealed exactly how the moon originated, but they have eliminated some old theories and raised a new one.

Before Apollo there were three theories about the origin: that it formed near Earth as a distinct body, that it was once a piece of the Earth, and that it formed elsewhere in the solar system and was captured by Earth's gravity.

"We have determined that all three of them are impossible. The theory best accepted at the moment is a hybrid between two of those," Dietrich said.

The new theory is that the moon resulted from cataclysm: when Earth and the other would-be planets were still partly molten, a body perhaps the size of Mars — which has one-tenth the mass of Earth — collided with our planet.

The high-speed impact caused a giant explosion, and the outer layers of the intruder disintegrated, at least partially vaporizing the rocky material.



1969: moonmen Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin

Returning to Earth

Moonwalkers take opposite paths

IL Armstrong and Edwin Buzz Aldrin, the 11 men to walk on the moon 20 years ago, are now then taken opposite paths to cope a living in the shadow of their historic achievement.

For Armstrong, the first man to set foot on lunar surface, the path has been private, ally shaded from interviews and publicity, le Aldrin has conducted his life in the glare.

Armstrong minimises his own role in the illo moon project, which fulfilled ident John Kennedy's 1961 challenge to men on the moon within ten years.

At a rare public appearance at a recent SA news conference, Armstrong recalled shdown on the moon as "a real high", use it marked the achievement that a of a million people had been working for ade to accomplish.

And it was a feeling of we — a third of a on people — managed it."

ldrin, who followed Armstrong out of tiny lunar lander and onto the moon's surface on July 20, 1969, has recounted subsequent journey through alcoholism depression in an autobiography, "Return arth."

ichael Collins, who orbited above the as Armstrong and Aldrin walked on the, written books and served for a time as tor of the National Air and Space sum.

ie focus on their achievement 20 years is all the more intense because the Apollo ramme — which altogether put a dozen on the moon — marked the apogee of in space. In the years since then there been no lunar bases, no manned mis- to other planets, not even any more in trips to the moon.

ead, the strongest recent memory of ican manned space flight is the January, explosion of the space shuttle Challen- hich killed its seven-member crew.

strong said at the NASA news con- ce that people forget quickly, "So it's of

great surprise to me that so many people remember something that happened 20 years ago."

In fact, few who heard him utter the words can forget Armstrong's declaration as he stepped onto the moon's dusty surface: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Every five years the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) organises news conferences commemorating the event, but its other contacts with former astronauts are on occasion an irritant.

As Aldrin recently observed, after being told he must let NASA mail his replies to fan mail or pay his own postage.

"These are the narrow-minded things that make life difficult for a national hero, as I've found."

Aldrin has deeper troubles with today's NASA as well. He is critical of the restricted goals for the proposed space station "Freedom," which has been hampered in on all sides by compromise and budget constraints.

So he has struck out on his own to campaign for the next great age of space exploration, publicising his efforts with speeches and

a new book, "Men From Earth."

Wherever he goes on his busy speaking schedule, Aldrin carries models to demonstrate space ships that would orbit around the earth and Mars.

The ships would discharge travellers to taxis that would drop them into the local atmospheres of Mars or its moons.

A NASA spokesman merely says that Aldrin's proposals may be ahead of their time.

Aldrin is the first to recognise that his ambitious vision may not come to fruition soon.

"I'm building things out of toothpicks because that's the best I can show people right now," Aldrin said in a telephone interview from his home in Laguna Beach, California.

Aldrin raises money for his travels by appearing in a television advertisement for a Marshall Islands coin commemorating the 20th anniversary of his moon trip.

"I'm sure some people think it's beneath my dignity, or should be," Aldrin said. "But the facts of life are (the advertisement) and writing a book and public appearances is what enabled me to share my hard-earned space experience." (Reuters)

Footprints still there

THE footprints left in the lunar dust 20 years ago by Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Buzz Aldrin should be visible for half a million years because the moon has no atmosphere to erode them, a California chemist says.

But the absence of an atmosphere also leaves the moon unprotected from meteorite and cosmic ray strikes, and these eventually will erase the footprints, James R. Arnold says.

Arnold, who calls himself a cosmochemist, is director of the California Space Institute at the University of California, San Diego.

"The moon is a quiet place, lacking an atmosphere, and is therefore free of wind and rain," he said.

Arnold and his colleagues have developed techniques to measure the rate of erosion and turnover of rocks and soil on the moon by studying radioactive isotopes in samples brought back from six Apollo lunar landing missions. (AP)



1989: down-to-Earth civilians, tested at a NASA anniversary conference



ANDY CAPP

By Smith

Movie theatres close down

Film world foxed by rains

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE traditionally slack rainy season from June to August proved cause for deep concern this year. Already about a thousand theatres have closed down all over the country. In Bombay, big theatres like Apsara have shut doors for several months and smaller ones are fast vanishing, just like many of the new releases. Rains give a further impetus to home viewing on video and networks. Night shows have become a nightmare, as sometimes the collections are as low as fifty rupees. Most trade people avoid monsoon like the plague. But this time some have been forced to line up big new films. The monetary stakes are high, at 48 per cent interest paid per annum to financiers.

From mid-July, the industry is trying out some products expected to become popular. One is South's *Disar*, with animal stars as important as the human ones — Mithun, Amala, Anjad, Kiran Kumar, Asrani. It has monkeys, elephants, parrots, snakes and what not, in the tale of a new forest officer opposing the evil designs of a contractor and his son, with a friend's daughter between them.

Most of the problems, like attacks, fights, attempted rape, encounters with sharks or lions are solved by the animal actors for the good characters. And there are "spectacles" like taming an elephant gone mad. But the story line does not offer anything new. Another release is Mehra family's *Mujrim*, a remake of an old title, once played by Shammi Kapoor. This time it is Mithun who wavers between a criminal and clean life, with mother Nutan and sister Pallavi Joshi trying to keep him on the right path. Driven by adversity, he joins a smuggler to tackle his enemies. He also wins over the villain's daughter Madhuri Dixit. After kidnappings and killings, there is a change of heart.

Director Anil Sharma has brought up *Elaan-e-Jung*, which he has written himself and expects it to be another *Hukumat*. He admits that it is a total action film, with Dharmendra a modern Robinhood with his loyal gang. Dharm who hates dancing even did a break dance for the film. Equally helpful are Jaya Prada, Dara Singh, Sadashiv Amrapurkar and Laxmi Pyare's music. But the biggest aid is violence and the director justifies it by quoting the epics as well as today's times



Mithun and Amala in "Dost"

full of anger and hatred.

Irfan Khan's *Zakhm* with Shatru, Chunky, Vivek, Vaswani, Neelam, Anupam Kher etc. has two kids ill-treated by their father (Anupam) growing up with revenge as life's aim. The other father is Shatrughan who loses his wife and whose son becomes dumb due to the villains. He is also out for vendetta. Naturally the film follows the violent track with the message: "Don't produce children if you can't bring them up well."

Editor-turned-director David Dhawan's *Gola Barood* with Shatru, Chunky, Kimi, Sonam and even Pankaj Udhass follows the same track. Deven Sharma's *Dona Peasi* with Mithun and Padmini Kolhapure is at last complete. Among other promised monsoon fare, which may be held over for better times, there are *Shandor* with Mithun, Meenakshi, Mandakini, Jui, *Desh Ka Dushman* with Mithun and Neeta Mehta, *Sanya Vidrohi* with Shatru and Poonam Dhillon, *Atishbahar* with Shatru, Anita Raj, Aditya, and *Ladai* with Rekha, Mithun, Dimple, Mandakini. Some other big films are also slated for August but then they seem impossible releases rather than possible ones.

Behind the Screen

THE industry's crisis was a good excuse to scrap a film with Mumtaz in the central role. The actual trouble was that she was asking for too much money, for a comeback that had still to be tried out. Whispers also grew louder that her husband's businesses were not doing well, so she needed money rather badly. That was the reason for all her efforts in Bombay and not the showy one of her being the rich bored lady in London.

Success brings superstition to keep it up. When Govinda was a struggler in the slums of suburban Virar, he used to worship Swami Parjannanashram. The Swami had told him to wait for two or three years for success. Now that the Swami has set up Shree Trust, a socio spiritual body to build homes for the disabled and a prayer hall too, Govinda chipped in to help. He staged a star show with Sonam, Sudha Chandran, Sri Prada, Shabbir, Johnny Lever etc. to collect funds. Needless to say, all benefited including the Swami.

Deepika is all out to win producers and influence directors. She leaves no stone unturned to praise and pamper film makers like Raj Sippy and Manmohan Desai. The curtain is finally falling on Ramayan by September and Deepika wants to make sure of her name and money under the film sun. Let us see if all her pains bear fruit and she does not have to give "agni pariksha", (test by fire), all over again.

Like Rekha not taking the name of Amitabh in any of her talks or interview, Mithun has also adopted the policy of not mentioning Sri Devi by name.

A TV company offered lucky prizes at a big party. A scribe won a TV set. But when he took it home he found it had old parts in a new cabinet. It just would not work. So we wonder how valid those "lucky" tickets for Singapore turned out to be.

Star slips

Rajesh Khanna: Ten cars of ten stars would arrive for a premiere. But the moment my car drove up, there was mass hysteria. The crowds went mad.

Govinda: I am the king of three shifts, at present.

Dimple: I think a boy friend is more convenient than a husband for a busy actress.

Mumtaz: It took me a year to convince my husband Mayur for my come-back. I was feeling very

lonely and bored. But I won't do anything to embarrass him. No revealing clothes or scenes.

Jaya Prada: The producers want you to buy your heroes after wetting yourself in artificial rain. For the film, it is monsoon all 365 days of the year.

Hassan Jahangir: Earlier I was not confident at all. Nor did my parents have confidence in me. Now, they are not worried, where I spend my nights, wherever in the world I may be.



Anil Kapoor: I am still learning

Anil: defiance

Q. Do you think you are a born actor or a "made" actor?
A. No, I am not a born actor. That's a very rare phenomenon. Once in a way we have born artists like Raj Kapoor. As for me, I "made" myself the hard way. First I won prizes in college dramas and got some trophies. It was wonderful that people liked me. Then I tried to observe and learn. I am still learning.

Q. Were you inspired by your personal life in doing your roles?
A. Yes, there was a time when my family was not doing well and we all grew up in tough circumstances. There were no facilities and the surroundings were rough. But I learnt to grow from all this. It was partly reflected in "Woh Saat Din," "Tezaab," "Ram Lakhan," even the underdog of "Mr India."

Q. Did you expect to gain this kind of popularity?
A. Not in my dreams.

Q. Do you think you have reached the top?
A. Well, I have done all kinds of roles — action, comedy, mature, artistic. But trade people don't like that. They want you to get typed. I have defied that. It may be considered reaching the top.

Q. What are the reactions from industry people and outsiders?
A. Here, people can't digest other people's success. Nor can they recognise it. In the film industry, each one is out to tear the other to pieces, harming our cinema in the process.

Q. Do you dictate to the directors and writers, as some are complaining?
A. I do give my suggestions. After all I am doing the piece on the screen. If I do something very foolish or poor, people will laugh at me. It can affect my star value. So I cannot just dance to other peoples' tunes.

Q. Do you manipulate your career by any means, as people say?
A. (Laughs) I must have slipped in my manipulation and got caught. Otherwise everyone else does it and gets away.

Q. Is it a heavy feeling, being at top as a star actor?
A. Yes, but it is heavy work too. From early morning till night I keep on shooting. On reaching home, I am so dead tired that I hit the bed. No time even for my wife and two daughters. And then, whatever personal problems may crop up, I have to still go and attend the shootings. Not an easy life.

The Art Buchwald Column

Disney World

I WENT to Walt Disney World the other day. What impressed me the most was the fun the parents were having taking their children there for a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

I watched the beginning of the trip as I sat in the terminal waiting for the plane to depart for Orlando.

A mother was yelling at her 4-year-old son. "If you hit your sister once more, I am going to check you in at the baggage counter."

To my left a father was shaking his boy. "Didn't I tell you to stay in your seat? I think I'll take you home right now."

Obviously the child knew it was an empty threat because so much money had been invested in the trip already. So he sat on the floor.

We boarded the plane. I counted 2.5 children for every adult. Two kids were hanging over my seat. One had a kazoo, the other a magic wand. The parents were unconcerned about what their offspring were doing to the other passengers. Their only worry was that the children would find the chocolate chip cookies stored in the hand luggage.

The father said, "If you touch that bag I'm going to tell Mickey Mouse what a rotten kid you really are."

That did it. The tears spilled all over me. It's tough, I thought, to go to Disney World with the threat that you will be ignored by Mickey Mouse.

As the plane flew on, I thought about all the love and planning that a father had spent on this family excursion, only to have it climaxed by his decision to bad-mouth his kid to every Walt Disney character in the book.

Down the aisle came a 7-year-old, returning from the bathroom. He didn't seem to be in a hurry, so his mother shouted, "Get back here this instant, or you won't see the Magic Mountain until you are 80."

He weighed this statement very carefully, and then it seemed to him that it was just another example of his mother

losing complete control of herself, as she did every time they got on an airplane.

At that moment a small girl ran down the middle of the plane, sucking her thumb and dragging a wooden duck. The father was chasing her. "For that you get no cotton candy, and you can't have your picture taken with the Seven Dwarfs."

I thought to myself, "I can see what attraction Disney World holds for parents, but I just don't understand what's in it for the kids. The whole trip is one giant threat."

At the hotel, the scenario was repeated. One 5-year-old child was warned that if he didn't straighten up and fly right, he would be chewed up by the propoises at Sea World. Another was informed that he was going to spend the entire trip locked in his hotel room with a Do Not Disturb sign on the door.

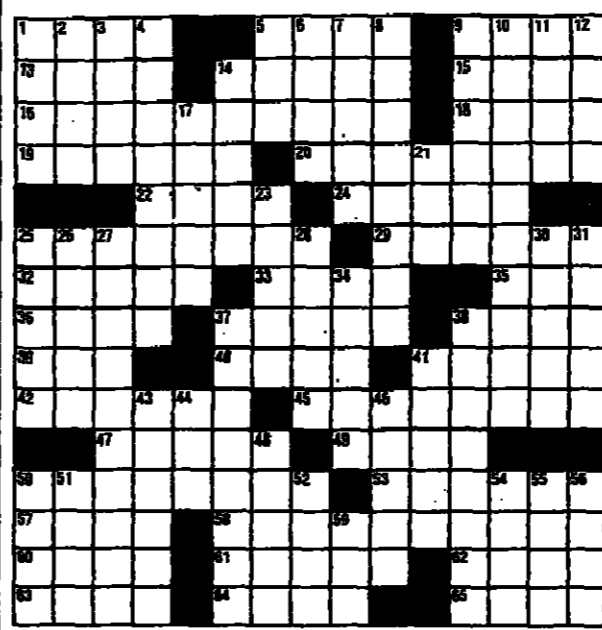
A third, who lay on his stomach by the bell captain's desk, was told by his mother that all his souvenirs would be confiscated by the hotel manager and thrown into the parking lot.

Not since Dostoevsky had I witnessed so much crime and punishment as I did on the way to Disney World. It seemed as though all the children were ruining the wonderful trip their parents had prepared exclusively for them.

The plane ride back was another story. The adults were too exhausted to threaten anybody. They had yelled at their kids for four days and now they were so hoarse that they couldn't speak. The children were marching up and down the aisles wearing their Mickey Mouse hats and holding Donald Duck quackers in their mouths. Occasionally, a parent would raise a hand weakly and try to say something, but the words wouldn't come out. Many who had vowed dire punishment on the way down didn't even have the strength to fasten their seat belts.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GO RIGHT ON RED

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

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♥ A K 7

♦ K J 8 7 5

♣ K Q

WEST

♠ 5 3

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ 3

♣ J 10 9 7 4 2

EAST

♠ A K J 9 4 2

♥ 6 5 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ A K J 9 4 2

♥ 6 5 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 8

The bidding:

North East South West

1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass

5 ♣ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

It is surprising how even good players can fail to spot seemingly obvious lines. An expert played too fast on this one.

North's bid of four hearts was a cue-bid confirming spades as trumps and showing a maximum no trump. South trotted out Blackwood just in case (the heart cue-bid in theory denied the ace of clubs), then settled in a small slam when he discovered that one ace was indeed missing.

The opening club was taken by East's ace and a club was returned. Since he had an unavoidable heart loser, declarer discarded one from hand. He drew trumps and, after

fritting around for a while, tried the diamond finesse. When West showed out on the second round, declarer became aware of his fate — down one.

Declarer made a critical error. At trick two, he failed to announce that, barring a 5-0 diamond break, he was claiming his contract!

Instead of a heart, declarer should have discarded a diamond on dummy's club winner. After drawing trumps in as many rounds as necessary, he should go after setting up the diamonds. As long as both defenders follow to the ace of diamonds, the contract is secure.

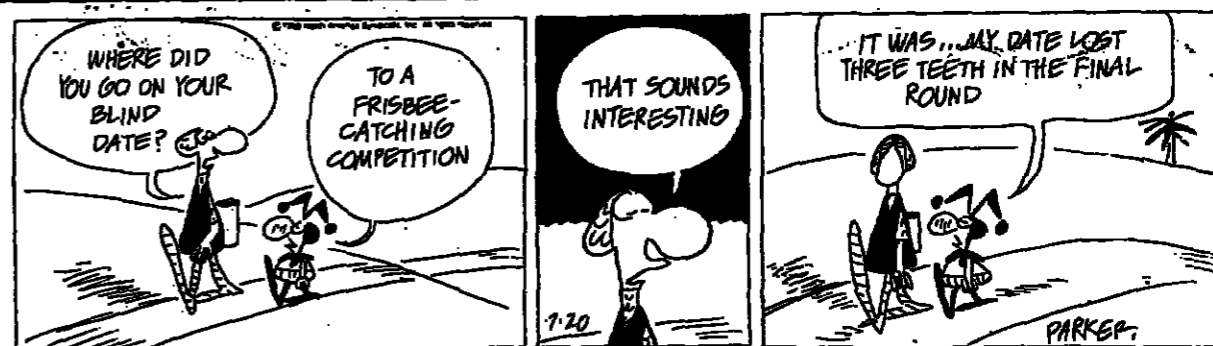
Declarer continues with a second diamond to the king, then ruffs a diamond. A heart to the king is the entry for the second diamond ruff, which sets up a long card in the suit. The ace of hearts serves as the dummy entry to let declarer take a heart discard on the long diamond.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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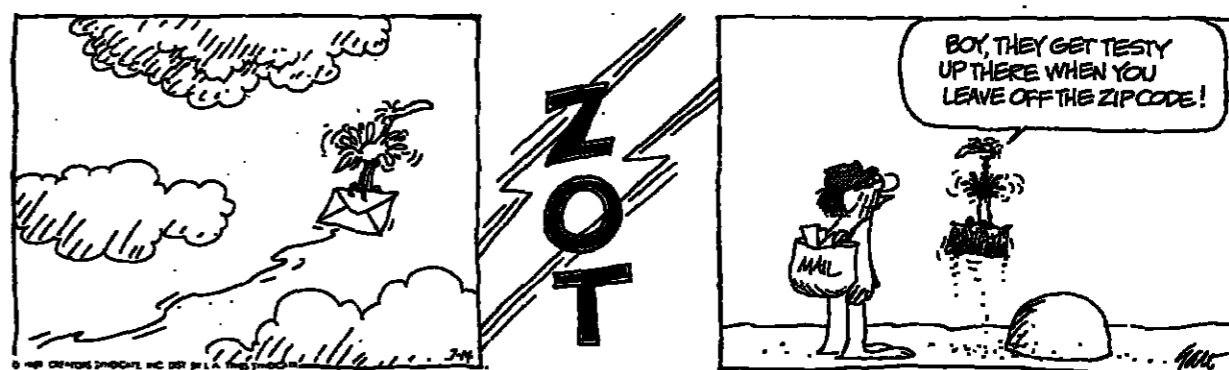
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel more tired than of late and should try to reserve your energies. Do not allow others to dictate to you, but do not be dictatorial either. You will know how to adapt to circumstances. Be perceptive.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Try not to mistake something of secondary importance. Avoid being superior or haughty and do not always find fault. Show an interest in all things, but no idle curiosity. Be loyal.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not allow some small setback to discourage you — take it in your stride. Do not say you are sure if you are not. You should show a little more goodwill towards others. Be dependable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not be angry at being clumsy, just try not to do anything like it again. Do not promise something and then forget about it. You have the capacity to overcome an obstacle. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should be a little more careful about money matters. You will be able to recognise a mistake before it is too late to avoid it. Do not allow your social life to take priority over your private and family life. Be cautious.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Listen to what others are saying and do not try always to have the last word. Take the greatest of care when dealing with something electrical. Make sure you are not late for an appointment or a train. Be sincere.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should try hard to keep your emotions under control but do not repress them. You must try not to make a complicated situation even worse. Do not give up if you work at it you will learn a difficult skill. Be less absent-minded.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to make good progress. However you should not sit back and wait for things to happen. Your lucky numbers are 9 and 44. Make sure you do not contradict yourself. Be observant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Others are more likely to agree with what you are saying. You should not make light of your responsibilities. Not everything you hear is gospel truth and you should be more discriminating. Be a little more patient.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You will discover why you did something wrong and be able to prevent a recurrence. Do not pretend to know something which you do not. Work hard but leave yourself with enough time to attend to your private affairs. Be tolerant.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Others are likely to be envious of you and you should try not to give them cause to be. You will be able to do something more constructive. A tendency to eat more than you know you should must be restrained. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will seem to be making no progress at all, and then all of a sudden there will be a breakthrough. You will be able to do something practical. You would do well to show a little more goodwill towards others. Be merciful.



Dolphin makes debut

IE may have uncanny inborn navigational skills.

And that superbly streamlined body is simply perfect for slipping effortlessly through the water.

But when a baby dolphin is making his debut in front of the nation's press, here's one vital extra aid he needs to ensure things go swimmingly... his mother.

So yesterday, Lulu the bottlenose dolphin stayed steadily side by side to provide a helping fin for her three-week-old calf when they set out for an aquatic photo-session at Windsor Safari Park. The youngster is 22-year-old Lulu's

second son. His five-year-old brother, named Juno, was also born at the safari park's Seaworld complex. As the latest arrival completed his publicity swim with flying colours, a spokesman said: "He's a beautiful little dolphin and very fit and healthy — everyone here is thrilled with him. The bottlenose is an endangered species in the wild, so successfully breeding one in captivity is doubly satisfying."

However, there is a problem — what to call the newcomer.

As it was the bicentenary of the French Revolution, one strong suggestion was Robespierre.

"But if anyone has any ideas about a name for him, we'd love to hear from them," said the spokesman.

The safari park has six dolphins and a killer whale, a genial monster whose amazing leaps drench children who sit too near the edge of the pool at showtime. There's no escaping the feeling that, for these friendly creatures, life is one endless frolic.

They rest, they play. Crowds applaud and trainers throw fishy titbits.

That is the prospect stretching out in front of this buoyant babe. No wonder dolphins look as if they are always swimming.

Colouring time



Join the dots



Poem



MALICE AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Outside Buckingham Palace
a dog was barking one day
When out of a house
came a chocolate mouse -
And frightened that doggie away.

And so that chocolate mousie
was taken to the Queen -
Who swallowed him up
with a gobblely glup.
I do think that was mean.

Spike Milligan

Happy birthday



Waleed Zafar of the International School of Pakistan celebrated his 7th birthday on Tuesday July 18. Belated greetings from family, relatives and friends. Waleed is an intellectual who enjoys studying, reading and drawing.



Raminder K. Jubbal of the United Indian School in Abbasiya turns 8 years today Thursday, July 20. Many happy returns of the day from daddy, mummy, family and friends.



Faisal Saleem Muthi, who enjoys drawing is turning nine today, Thursday, July 20. Faisal goes to the Pakistani School Rumaithya. Happy birthday, Faisal, from parents, family and relatives.



Sheetal R. Karkera turns one year on July 21. Sheetal enjoys dancing, walking and talking! Wish you a very happy birthday and blessings for happiness and good health from dad, mum, friends and relatives.

Amazing facts

In Havana, Cuba there is a theatre called the 'Chaplin' which has a greater seating capacity than any other theatre in the world — 6,500 seats.

An Austrian walked 1,400 kilometres on his hands. He did 10 hours a day for 55 days.

William the Conqueror could jump on to a saddled horse wearing full armour; he died of injuries received from a saddle pommel.

Potatoes, roses, honeysuckle and many familiar flowers grow profusely a long way north of the Arctic Circle.

The hoatzin bird, found in South America, has a head like a small donkey.

A female elephant will always adopt a baby elephant who has lost its mother.



Pulipara C. Varghese celebrated his birthday on July 17. Belated greetings from family, relatives and friends. Pulipara goes to the Indian School and plays with toys as a hobby.



Pardip Singh Chaggar celebrated her 7th birthday on July 14. Belated greetings and best wishes from papa, mummy and sister Dolly.

Dear Junior readers,

WHEN you go home after a long hot outing the first thing I expect you do is run to the fridge and drink gallons of cold, clear water or open an almost frozen bottle of Coca Cola: right? Does mummy come in and tell you off when you do that? Does she tell you to off whenever you drink a very cold drink? Have you ever wondered why?

cold drink running down your throat is extremely dangerous, however blissful it feels.

When you are hot, all of your organs are hot too, your heart will beat faster and your sweat glands will rapidly be producing more and more sweat to cool you down (the least of the changes that take place to adapt you to the hot environment); this means that your throat is warm, warmer than usual and you will be shocking it by

suddenly gulping down freezing liquids! In return, you will be at a target of getting a very uncomfortable sore throat. I don't think you will like that too much, do you?

So the moment you arrive home, allow yourself to cool down first (and not by standing in front of the the air conditioner) then drink a glass of cool water, rather than fizzy drink...this will quench your thirst immediately.

Mona!

Just for laughs!

Boy: "Daddy, daddy, what do you do for a living?"
Dad: "I'm a canon son."
Boy: "Well I'll be a son of a gun."

My dad's so stoopid. My mum said to him, "How long do you like your boiled eggs?"
He said, "Oh, about 2 1/2 inches."

This old lady came up to this stoopid policeman. She said, "Officer, can you see me across the road?"
He said, "You wait here lady, I'll nip over and have a look."

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords

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TITIBIS BRILLANT BRLEN
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Clue: Holiday period (4,4 letters)

Word search FROM SCHOOL

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| ATLAS | PAPER |
| BLACKBOARD | PEN |
| CLASSROOM | PENCIL |
| CRAM | PHYSICS |
| CRIB | PREFECT |
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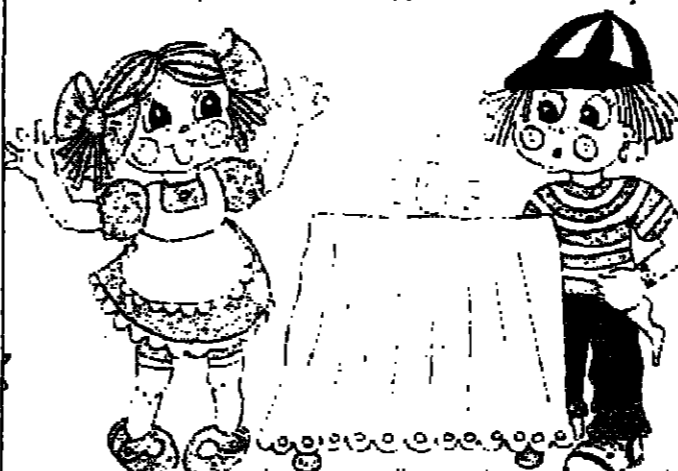
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US festival gets off to early start

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, July 19. (AP) The 1989 US Olympic Festival doesn't begin, officially until Friday night's opening ceremonies. But with the US National Championships beginning at the end of the month, the swimmers were given a head start.

Trip Zedlitz, 18, of Oklahoma City, got off to the quickest start yesterday, winning the 200-metre individual medley in 2:06.84 to take the first gold medal of the ninth festival.

About 35 minutes later, Zedlitz was second in the 200 backstroke behind Geoffrey Cronin of Sunnyvale, California.

In the final event of the night, the 400-metre medley relay, Zedlitz's West Team won the bronze.

Paige Wilson, 18, of Athens, Georgia, won the 200-metre freestyle. She swam in the consolation heat so she would have more time to rest before swimming the 100 butterfly, which she also won.

Other victorious swimmers were Brad Bachulis of Lake Oswego, Oregon, in the 100 breaststroke; 15-year-old Amy Walker of Des Moines, Iowa, in the women's 400 metres; Barbara Bedford of Etna, New Hampshire, in the women's 100 backstroke; Josh Delcore of Englewood, Colorado, in the 50 freestyle; and John Kennedy, Middlesex, New Jersey, in the 400 freestyle.

Mets blank Astros

Phillies overcome Reds

NEW YORK, July 19, (AP) Sid Fernandez is finding success pitching inside to left-handers.

He combined with two relievers on a four-hitter and Kevin McReynolds homered last night as the New York Mets defeated the Houston Astros 9-0 to stop a three-game losing streak.

New York scored two runs in the first, five in the third, one in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Chris James became the first National Leaguer to hit two grand slams this season as San Diego tied a club record for runs, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 17-4.

James had four of the Padres' season-high 22 hits and drove in five runs for the third time in his career. Benito Santiago had four hits and drove in three runs.

Randy ready homered off Danny Jackson, 6-10, to snap a 5-5 tie in the eighth as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Cincinnati Reds 6-5.

Cincinnati lost for the eighth time in nine games and the 24th time in its last 34.

Todd Frohworth, 1-0, allowed three hits over three innings and Roger McDowell pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Lonnice Smith's two-run single capped a four-run seventh inning as the Atlanta Braves rallied from a six-run deficit last night and defeated the Montreal Expos 7-6.

Dennis Martinez, who has a club-record nine consecutive decisions, was given a six-run lead in the second. But Martinez allowed three runs in the sixth and was chased in the seventh.

Steve Frey, 3-1, was the loser. Orel Hersheiser, 11-7, pitched a four-hitter and struck out five to defeat Chicago for the first time since 1986 with a score of 4-1.

Kirk Gibson doubled in two runs for Los Angeles. Chicago's only hits over the last 8 1-3 innings were Lloyd McClendon's single off the glove of third baseman Jeff Hamilton in the fourth inning and Shawn Dunston's single in the seventh.

Kirt Manwaring hit a two-out, bases-loaded triple in the first and an RBI single in the eighth as San Francisco defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 7-3. It was the team's 22nd victory in its last 27 games at Candlestick Park.

Don Robinson, 8-6, allowed six hits in 6 1-3 innings as the Giants, 19 games over .500 for the first time since Sept. 10, 1978, won their fourth in a row.

Ken Hill, 5-6, lost his second straight after going seven starts without a loss.

Craig Worthington's two-run homer in the fourth inning keyed the Baltimore Orioles' fifth straight victory, a 4-3 decision over the Seattle Mariners last night.

Worthington's homer was one of three hit by the Orioles in the first four innings off Seattle starter Randy Johnson, 3-2.

Bert Blyleven pitched a five-hit shutout and Wally Joyner homered in the sixth inning to lead the California Angels over Toronto 1-0 before the largest crowd in Blue Jays' history.

The shutout before 48,717 at the skydome, was the second of the season and 57th of Blyleven's career, moving him past Bob Gibson and Nolan Ryan into 12th place on the all-time list.

The complete game was his fifth of the year and 236th of his career.

Dave Parker hit a three-run homer to back the four-hit pitching of Storm Davis and the Oakland Athletics defeated the Detroit Tigers 7-2.

The homer gave Parker 1,302 career RBIs, making him the 55th Major Leaguer to have at least 1,300. It was his 14th homer of the season and the 299th of his career.

Frank Viola tied a career high with 11 strikeouts and pinch-hitter Jim Dwyer hit a game-winning sacrifice fly as the Minnesota Twins defeated the error-prone Cleveland Indians 5-4 for their fourth straight victory.

Gene Larkin's fifth single of the game started the decisive rally against Doug Jones, 3-5. Kirby Puckett grounded to third, but second baseman Jerry Browne was unable to handle Paul Zuvella's throw for an error and Larkin went to third.

Bo Jackson hit a 435-foot (132-metre) homer and drove in five runs and George Brett went 3-for-3 as Kansas City defeated Milwaukee 9-4 to hand the Brewers their sixth straight loss.

Results

American League

Baltimore	4	Seattle	3
California	1	Toronto	0
Oakland	7	Detroit	2
Minnesota	5	Cleveland	4
Kansas City	9	Milwaukee	4
Texas	8	Boston	1
New York	4	Chicago	1

National League

Philadelphia	6	Cincinnati	5
New York	9	Houston	0
Atlanta	7	Montreal	6
San Diego	9	Pittsburgh	4
San Francisco	7	St. Louis	1
Los Angeles	2	Chicago	1

Top players asked to ignore rebel tour

England men put on spot

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters) England's top 30 cricketers have been asked to pledge themselves to their country and to ignore a likely rebel tour of South Africa later this year, chairman of selectors Ted Dexter said yesterday.

In a Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) statement, Dexter explained that letters had been sent out to England's leading players asking for a firm commitment from them to be available for England's tours of India and the West Indies.

The players have been told the deadline for their replies is August 9.

The TCCB has sent out availability letters for three years, but by announcing the procedure publicly Dexter has made it clear he wishes to tackle the problems set by the South African issue openly



Ted Dexter and quickly. He has already spoken to every current England player

without receiving any indication of a breakaway which could ruin his tour plans. He is now seeking written assurance. "The list was drawn up by Ted Dexter and team manager Micky Stewart," is TCCB spokesman said.

"The letter seeks their availability for the whole winter period, covering the Nehru one-day international tournament in India during October and early November, and the full three-month tour of the West Indies, which starts in January.

"They emphasise that the list will be increased during the next three weeks, and every England-qualified player will still have the opportunity of staking a claim prior to the time the party is selected, in early September."

France takes eight gold medals

CASABLANCA, Morocco, July 19, (AP) France dominated the final day of track and field competitions, winning eight gold medals at the Franco-phone Games, in which athletes from 39 French-speaking countries, principalities and provinces competed.

Robyn Meagher of Mulgrave, Nova Scotia; Ray Ladzins of Hamilton, Canada; and Cindy New of Montreal won silver medals yesterday.

Canada went without a gold medal in 17 events held yesterday.

Meagher finished second in the women's 1,500 metres to Morocco's Fatime Aouam. Aouam ran in four minutes 11.15 seconds with Meagher at 4:13.71

and Paula Schnurr of Burlington, Ontario, third in 4:16.12.

Ladzins threw the discus 56.14 metres, second to the 58.76-metre toss of France's Patrick Journoud.

New, who called the extreme North African heat for the marathon "the worst conditions I've ever faced," ran the marathon in two hours 47 minutes 35 seconds to finish second to Morocco's Rkia Maraoui.

The marathon began in 32-degree heat (133 Fahrenheit) and 64 per cent humidity, conditions that Canadian team doctor Rudy Gittens said were "just about the limit of what a human being can stand."

Key to beating Tyson is to take chances: Williams

Time for world champion to go down, says challenger

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 19, (Agencies) Most fighters think just entering the ring against Mike Tyson is risky enough without taking any more chances within range of the heavyweight champion's shattering punches.

But Carl "The Truth" Williams says taking chances early in his scheduled 12-round fight against Tyson on Friday is the only way to beat the odds against the undefeated 23-year-old champion.

"If I hurt him, I'm going to take my chances. (Frank) Bruno was reluctant to take chances," said Williams, a 12-1 underdog against Tyson, who stopped Bruno in the fifth round last February.

Tyson knocked Bruno down in the first round, but the Briton got up and almost immediately stunned the champion with a right to the head. Bruno, though, did not follow up, allowing Tyson to work off the rust after an eight-month layoff and to make it another one-sided fight.

(James) Tillis and (Tony) Tucker took chances and they did well," Williams said of two Tyson opponents who managed

to jar the champion. "I plan to do better."

Tillis lost a 10-round decision to Tyson in 1986. Tucker lasted the 12-round distance in 1987, but Tyson won the decision and the undisputed heavyweight title.

"A lot of you guys (reporters) would like to see Tyson go down because he hasn't been the ideal heavyweight champion outside the ring," Williams said. "Inside the ring, yes, he's been a great champion. But now's the time for him to go down. I have my chance."

"I'm preparing for a very aggressive fight early on. If you check the record, you'll see he likes to get things done early," Williams said.

If Tyson, 36-0, has a weakness, many believe it is his vulnerability to the uppercut, a punch Williams, 29, has been trying to perfect.

"Yeah, I'm gonna catch him with one of those," Williams, 22-2, said last week. "You wait and see, I'm gonna catch him."

Tyson talked to reporters briefly yesterday and in his usual matter-of-fact tones said: "I don't see anything he (Williams) can



Tyson (left) knocks down Bruno in their February fight.

do to win the fight. No way." Tyson, who did not spar yesterday but said he might have a final sparring session today, was asked if he detected any fear in his opponents.

"The only thing I detect is



The Kuwait squad with team coach (extreme left). (Photos by Haitam Murshad)

Kuwait complete practice



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Above and below: two of the team members pictured during practice



THE Kuwait shooting team yesterday completed its practice for the Damascus Shooting Championship to be held in Syria July 24-30.

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The Lions' midweek side, nicknamed the Donal Doughnuts after captain Donal Lemihau, scored at over a point a minute for 56 minutes of the match, putting on a thrilling display of attacking rugby against weak opponents.

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SPORTS

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New measures

ROME, July 19, (Reuters): The head of Italy's Soccer Federation has announced tough new measures to stamp out violence a year before the country hosts the World Cup. "Soccer club presidents will have to help us smash the conspiracy of silence around violent offenders," Antonio Matarrese told officials late yesterday at the presentation of next season's fixtures for the Italian championship.

Ties cut

WINDHOEK, July 19, (Reuters): Cricket officials in Namibia, the desert territory gaining independence from Pretoria, have cut ties with South Africa and want membership in the sport's world body, the South African Press Association said today.

Boycott threat

AUCKLAND, July 19, (Reuters): Foreign Minister Russell Marshall plans to argue New Zealand's case against a boycott of next year's Auckland Commonwealth Games before a meeting of the Commonwealth foreign ministers' committee on South Africa.

Fourth win

TIMARU, New Zealand, July 19, (Reuters): Argentina had little trouble beating Hanan Shield districts 17-6 to score the fourth win of their New Zealand rugby union tour today.

Asian chess

KUALA LUMPUR, July 19, (KUNA): Eighteen countries are taking part in the 8th Asian Chess championship which began today in Genting Highland (the Malaysian tourist resort) about 30 km from here.

Keeneland sale

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 19, (Reuters): Japan's leading breeder Zenya Yoshida yesterday paid top price of \$2.8 million for a bay colt from the last crop sired by Northern Dancer as heavy foreign buying pushed total rise to \$101.6 million in the annual Keeneland Selected Yearling Sale.

England striker

MARSEILLE, France, July 19, (Reuters): England striker Chris Waddle had completed his record transfer to French League and Cup champions Marseille, club officials said today.

Myers trains

AMERICUS, Georgia, July 19, (AP): Champion swimmer Angel Myers has continued her training since she tested positive for steroids and was suspended from international competition. But now that she has given up her fight to lift the suspension, she says she doesn't know whether she'll continue her career.

Title fight

SAPPORO, Japan, July 19, (AP): Chi Moon-Kwan of South Korea knocked out Japanese champion Naoki Ito in the fifth round today to capture the Orient Pacific Boxing Federation's junior welterweight title.

Slaney withdraws

EUGENE, Oregon, July 19, (AP): Distance runner Mary Slaney has withdrawn from a New York City triathlon because of recurring pain in her left Achilles' tendon. Slaney, 30, was to have run the mile in the New York State Games on Saturday.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday N/S

1. Sherin & Tiab
 2. Meouchi & Zananiri
 3. Shah & Zubairi
- E/W
1. Jaggi & Abedien
 2. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira
 3. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza
- A marathon bridge will be held at Sheraton tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

'White Shark' hopes to get out of rut

Save your bacon coming home: Lyle

TROON, Scotland, July 19, (Reuters): Greg Norman, champion three years ago, hopes the inspiration of the British Open golf championship will get him out of a rut this week.

The hefty 'White Shark', so-called for his white hair and his love of fishing, had a superb year in 1986, also winning two US Tour tournaments and leading that money list, as well as taking the European Open and World Match Play titles in Britain and capturing three in his native Australia.

Norman, 34, won the Heritage Classic early in 1988 but then trouble struck. He injured his left wrist playing a shot from a rocky lie at the US Open last year and that forced him out of the British Open a month later.

The injury still troubles him — and threatens his future. He knows he requires surgery but hopes to put it off until he is 40 or 45.

"But if it gets worse, I will have to have something done about it," he said yesterday.

"It hurts every day when I play and it's never going to get any better until I have surgery."

The hard ground at this exceptionally dry Royal Troon course, where hot weather has created cement-like conditions, jars Norman's wrist but he insists it will not hurt his chances.

"I know what to expect. I'm still fairly confident because of the way the course is. I was a lot happier when I got here and saw



Ian Woosnam, one of the favourites for the British Open, signs autographs before practicing. (Reuters wirephoto).

the condition of the course."

Norman is 14th on the US money list after a string of decent finishes in the second quarter of the year. But four successive tournaments last month went badly for him and he took two weeks off afterwards.

Meanwhile, the world's top golfers have given their verdict on Royal Troon — make your score on the outward nine, then, as Sandy Lyle put it, "save your bacon" coming home.

The 7,094-yard links on the west coast of Scotland, longest course on the British Open list, has two distinct halves. The shorter outward half plays with the wind while the more menacing

inward nine can be played into the teeth of a gale.

In fact, the second nine is daunting with only a moderate breeze on the back nine, and those closing holes were tough, "Zimbabwe's" Nick Price, runner-up to Tom Watson here in 1982, said after practising for tomorrow's opening round.

If the wind springs up, scores on the back nine could soar. "Then everyone will be holding on for dear life," American Tom Kite said.

By way of compensation the rough is sparser than usual and the holes on the front nine are playing very short because of the



Ballesteros practices his chipping near the 'Postage Stamp'. (Reuters wirephoto).

rock-hard conditions created by the dry summer.

The first three holes, the only par fours of less than 400 yards, can all be driven, according to Norman.

Norman was asked about the famous 'Postage Stamp' eighth, a par three of 126 yards and the only hole on the front nine not to play downwind.

A crosswind prevails there. "It will all depend on the pin position," said Norman of the tiny green which gives the hole its name. "If they place it at the back of the green, where it is very narrow, it will be a sucker shot to aim for the pin."

"If you aim for the pin and miss, you'll bounce off a slope and finish 40 yards away. I'll just

Americans hit by McEnroe's withdrawal

West Germans look to team spirit

MUNICH, West Germany, July 19, (Reuters): Bachelor camaraderie will be just as important as Boris Becker's strong serve-and-volley game when holders West Germany's young team meet the United States in the Davis Cup tennis semifinals this weekend.

Coach Niki Pilic says the strong team spirit in the West German side, with an average age of just 22, was vital when they won the title for the first time last year.

Although a fast indoor carpet court has been laid in Munich to suit world number two Becker's high-speed game, sheer motivation may help the other lower-

ranked players perform above themselves.

"All the players are around the same age and get on well with each other. They have been playing together from youth level for about 10 years," Pilic told Reuters. "That sort of team spirit makes everyone work harder but still stay relaxed."

The US team, in contrast, has been hit by the late withdrawal of John McEnroe with a injured shoulder. World number 14 Brad Gilbert replaces him, joining Andre Agassi in the singles. Ken Flach and Robert Seguso will play the doubles.

The game has particular meaning for the Americans, who

refuse to be depressed by McEnroe's absence. It was the Germans who swept them out of the world group for the first time in 1987 with a 3-2 victory in a relegation playoff in Hartford.

"We were disappointed when we heard John was out but now we are here we have got to pull together and do what we are here to do. That is win," Flach said.

Carl-Uwe Steeb, named today as the second singles player with Becker, is the man usually lifted by the team camaraderie which often takes the unmarried Germans off to the movies or out for a meal together to help them switch off from tennis.

The 21-year-old world number 23 upset Mats Wilander to steer the Germans to victory over Sweden in last year's final.

Fresh from his first Grand Prix tournament win in Gstaad, Switzerland last weekend, he could surprise Gilbert or Agassi, world ranked sixth. Eric Jelen will link up with Becker in an unchanged doubles partnership.

"I will make at least one point, perhaps even two," said the 21-year-old Steeb, his open confidence in stark contrast to the Americans who have avoided the media in the last few days and barred spectators and press from their practice sessions.

Botham will not tour with England again

LONDON, July 19, (AP): Ian Botham repeated today he does not want to tour with the England cricket team again — nor does he want to join a rebel tour of South Africa.

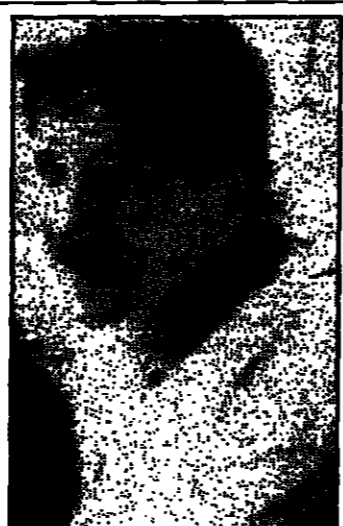
Botham, just recalled to the England team after injury, was one of 30 players asked if they were available to tour India and the West Indies this winter.

Chairman of selectors Ted Dexter, who has demanded an answer by Aug 3, is concerned that some players are considering offers to take part in a rebel tour of South Africa.

Under a compromise reached in January by the International Cricket Conference, acceptance would automatically bar them from Test cricket for five years.

Botham is the only player to make public his intentions. "It's nothing to do with that," he said. "I announced two years ago that I would not be touring again and that position still stands."

He said he won't tour because journalists intruded on players' off-field activities on the last tour of the West Indies, in 1986.



Ian Botham

Whisky bottle sparks scare

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters): Glasgow Rangers, fearful of reprisals from hardline Protestant supporters angered by last week's signing of Catholic Maurice Johnston, called in police to investigate a "suspicious package" delivered to their Ibrox Park soccer stadium.

Police officers carefully opened a corner of the parcel to find it contained nothing more dangerous than a bottle of whisky.

Rangers, Scottish Premier Division champions, broke with their long-held policy of signing only Protestants when they paid French club Nantes £1.5 million (\$2.44 million) for Johnston.

Zivojinovic drops out of Cup match

LONDON, July 19, (Reuters): Sweden's anguish over whether Stefan Edberg will be fully fit for this weekend's Davis Cup semifinal has been eased by the news from Yugoslavia that Slobodan Zivojinovic, backbone of the opposing team, has dropped out injured.

The big-hitting Zivojinovic had originally declared himself ready to play despite the recurrence of a painful arm injury during Wimbledon. But doctors say he must rest the injury for at least six weeks, handing Sweden the chance of a comfortable passage through to their seventh successive Davis Cup final.

"Zivojinovic's absence is a severe blow for our team," said Yugoslav captain Radmilic. "Without him we are simply too weak against Sweden but we will do our best."

Swedish captain Jonte Sjogren, despite his team's pedigree, must have sighed with relief when he heard that Zivojinovic would not be the party travelling to the Swedish resort of Bastad.

With Edberg nursing an ankle injury sustained in practice and Mats Wilander still striving to regain his best form, the Swedes, who lost the Cup to West Germany in Gothenburg last December, need all the help they can get.

This time last year, when Sweden thrashed France 4-1 in their semifinal in Bastad, Wilander and Edberg were basking in the glory of three Grand Slam titles between them.

Edberg had just taken the Wimbledon crown — which he surrendered to West German Boris Becker 10 days ago — and Wilander was champion of Australia and France.

Wilander went on to add the US Open title and briefly reigned as world number one. But Sweden's defeat in the final by the West Germans — who contest the second semifinal against the United States in Munich this weekend — saw the start of a downhill path for the two men.

Edberg has reached two Grand Slam finals since but been beaten badly in both — by 17-year-old American Michael Chang in Paris and by Becker at Wimbledon.

Wilander's form has plummeted. Coping first with shin splints and then with loss of motivation, he was beaten in the second round of the Australian Open and in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

Allen makes \$1.8m move to City

LONDON, July 19, (UPI): Centre-forward Clive Allen yesterday completed \$1.8 million move from French club Bordeaux to Manchester City.

And City's manager Mel Machin spent another \$1 million when the final details were agreed on Bournemouth midfielder Ian Bishop's move to Maine Road.

Twenty-eight-year-old Allen has signed a three-year contract and Machin hopes he will fill the goal-scoring void left when Paul Stewart moved to Tottenham.

Machin said: "Allen's goal scoring record stands up to any in the game. He has scored 191 goals in 310 games and I think we have made an excellent signing."

Allen, who has two years of his contract to run at Bordeaux replied: "I was not pushed out, but to return to England was at the back of my mind."

"I can see a lot of potential at Maine Road. City have got a lot of exciting young players and are similar in a way to how Arsenal were before they won the title."

"Arsenal won the FA Youth Cup like City and went on to become League champions. Anything is possible and I am now hoping the same thing can happen at City."

As a 17-year-old, Allen netted 32 goals in 49 matches in his first season with QPR. He moved to Arsenal, via Crystal Palace for the same fee, for \$2 million in 1980 but never played a match for 'the Gunners'. Instead he was



Allen: sold by Bordeaux

mysteriously transferred back to QPR for less than half the original fee before Tottenham eventually spent \$1.25 million to take him to White Hart Lane.

At Spurs, Allen smashed Jimmy Greaves' goal scoring record with 49 goals in 1986-87

season. But another \$1.8 million deal was struck when he was transferred to Bordeaux at the end of the following season.

Now almost \$10.75 million has changed hands since Allen came into the game as a teenager with QPR.

Careca named to Brazil's Cup squad

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 19, (Reuters): Brazilian national soccer coach Sebastiao Lazaroni yesterday included Italy-based striker Careca in the 25-man squad for the 1990 World Cup qualifying series but sacked Baltazar, top scorer in the Spanish League.

Napoli star Careca was not in the Brazilian team who won the South American championship because of injury.

Lazaroni called up virtually all the players who helped Brazil win the Copa America for the first time since 1949, beating holders Uruguay 1-0 in last Sunday's final.

But he sacked Baltazar and Sport Bahia's striker Charles, whose absence from the squad at the early stage of the South American championships led to protests when Brazil played their games in Salvador.

"I had no other choice but to leave out Baltazar and Charles. Nothing personal," Lazaroni told a news conference at the Brazil Football Association (CBF) offices.

He said he left them out because he wanted to bring in Careca and Sao Paulo's Edvaldo to play on the left wing. The squad is scheduled to

report for training on Friday but CBF officials said fullback Jose Mozer is still uncertain as his release has so far been denied by his new club, Olympique Marseilles of France.

The Brazilians, who have never failed to reach the World Cup finals but lost the trophy 19 years ago, meet Chile and Venezuela in South American Group Three.

They are scheduled to play their first qualifying match on July 30, in Caracas, against Venezuela.

The squad — Taffarel, Acacio, Ze Carlos, Mazinho, Josimar, Jorginho, Mauro Galvao, Aldair, Mozer, Branco, Andre Cruz, Ricardo, Dunga, Geovani, Silas, Tita, Valdo, Alemao, Cristovao, Bismarck, Bebeto, Romario, Renato Gauchao, Careca and Edvaldo.

Meanwhile, Lazaroni has gone from villain to hero in two weeks.

When he decided against including Charles in Brazil's 20-strong squad for the Copa America, Lazaroni appeared to be digging his own grave. Charles was the star in Salvador where Brazil's games were to be held.

Fans in Salvador retaliated, denying the Brazilian side their

support. For a week Lazaroni and his players prayed for time to pass so they could leave Salvador.

When they did things changed for the better. Brazil scored a morale-boosting victory over Paraguay in Recife and qualified for the final round of the tournament.



Careca

namment, which Brazil had not won since 1949.

As Brazil celebrated their victory over Uruguay in the final at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium, Lazaroni claimed the decision he had taken in Salvador was correct.

"I'm interested in doing my work for the benefit of the group as a whole, not thinking in terms of individuals," he said.

"Now that we have won I'm a hero. I'm used to it. If anything goes wrong during the qualifying matches, I'll be called incompetent. That's the rule a coach must grow to accept," he said.

Originally a physical trainer, the 38-year-old Lazaroni likes to recall that he was a disciple of the late Claudio Coutinho, coach of Brazil's 1978 World Cup team in Argentina and responsible for years of glory at Rio's Flamengo who dominated Brazilian football between 1978 and 1981.

Lazaroni was promoted from physical trainer to coach at Flamengo at the start of the Rio de Janeiro state season in 1986. Flamengo won the championship and he was confirmed in the job.

The following year he was sacked after Flamengo lost a match against a lowly rated side.

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